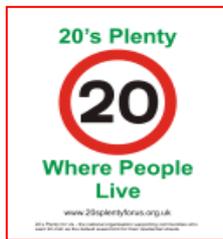


## Traffic Management - Part Eleven

### **INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC PLANS – PLEASE READ**



After several years in the planning, I am at long last able to announce that the first phase of the traffic calming scheme will be implemented this summer, bringing the much needed road safety improvements to the village.

The first phase includes part of Pilgrims Way West, the High Street, the Pond and Station Road. Further information and detailed drawings are available on the Parish Council website at: [www.otfordpc.org.uk/traffic-management](http://www.otfordpc.org.uk/traffic-management).

As part of the traffic plans, the village centre will also undergo a transformation as the scruffy traffic islands around the pond are given a much needed makeover whilst they are being upgraded to pedestrian refuge-islands. The unsightly worn out tarmac will be replaced with block paving, designed to blend in with the Tudor brickwork in the heart of the village, and the old circa 1980's signage will be replaced with smart heritage 1950's style signs, modelled on signs once used in Otford in days gone by.

The transformations would not have been possible without the kind donations from the Otford Fête Committee towards the heritage signage and Otford Builders Merchants (OBMs) for providing the block paving for the traffic islands and pavement extensions (buildouts) in the scheme. The Parish Council is extremely grateful and would like to thank them wholeheartedly on behalf of all our residents.

The village enhancements are an important part of slowing traffic down by creating a sense of place (psychological traffic calming) and will make our village a more attractive place for residents and visitors to enjoy, and we hope will give a boost to trade for our shops and businesses.

Inevitably there will be some disruption and delays whilst the measures are being installed. To keep this to a minimum, the measures will be installed during the school summer holidays with plenty of advance notice to keep everyone updated on the traffic management arrangements. To-date the following traffic management arrangements have been advised by KCC.

### **Works Commence on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July and Finish on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

#### **26.7.21 to 2.8.21 - STATION ROAD**

Pilgrims Way East Junction: 3-way traffic lights for works to widen verge, realign curb, and extend footway to new informal crossing point with dropped kerbs and tactile paving.

#### **2.8.21 to 8.8.21 - STATION ROAD**

Beckets Place: 2-way traffic lights for works to turn parking bays into planting area to narrow carriageway and stop commuter parking.

#### **9.8.21 to 20.8.21 - HIGH STREET**

Pickmoss: 2-way traffic lights for works to create pinch point and extend pavement at Pickmoss.

#### **9.8.21 to 20.8.21 - HIGH STREET**

Zebra Crossing: **Road closed from Pond to zebra crossing** (access to property only up to zebra crossing) to construct the speed table under the zebra crossing. Car Park access from the **west of the village only** during works, see alternative parking below if approaching from the east of the village.

#### **20.8.21 to 27.8.21 - POND**

Traffic Islands: 3-way traffic lights to upgrade islands to pedestrian refuge-islands (dropped curbs, tactile paving & enlargement), install block paving, heritage signs and pavement extension to create space for pedestrians between parked vehicles on the north side of the High Street at pond.

### **23.8.21 to 27.8.21 - ALL PHASE ONE WORKS**

Road Markings & Signage: Stop and Go traffic boards for road markings, red surfacing works and installation of High Street 20mph limit (starts west of High Street at Rye Lane and finishes just north of Colet's Orchard on Station Road).

**KCC/OPC Highway Works Notices:** Please note that with the exception of the road closure, the dates advised above are subject to change. Any changes to the works programme will be advised via: KCC/OPC notices, social media, and the Parish Council website: [otfordpc.org.uk/news](http://otfordpc.org.uk/news).

### **2.8.21 - Village Car Park Closure**

The car park will be closed for one full day to refresh the line markings. The works are taking place on a Monday when the majority of High Street shops and businesses are closed.

**Alternative Parking:** If impacted by the road closure to the east of the car park, or the full closure of the car park, free on-street parking (usual restrictions apply) will be available on the Pond, Sevenoaks Road, Warham Road and the Bubblestone area (on-street parking freed up by school staff during school breaks). Please consider leaving your cars at home and walking or cycling into the village if you can to reduce the demand on parking.

**If you have a parking permit for the village car park or require help with alternative parking for staff impacted by the works, or have any other concerns, please contact the Parish Clerk at: [clerk@otfordpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@otfordpc.co.uk).**

Due to the scale of the traffic works, it is unavoidable that there will be inconvenience for us all. However, unlike the recent emergency road works in Otford carried out without any prior notice, the Parish Council works will be properly managed with plenty of advance notice and warnings on the road network.

When the Phase One work is complete, we will be well on our way to finally settling the traffic problems that have been a cause of complaint in our village for over 20 years. We ask that you bear with us, there is light at the end of this tunnel.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Cllr Irene Roy  
Chairman of the Traffic Management Group