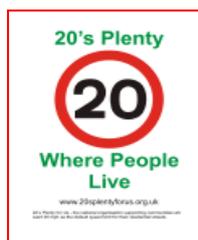


Traffic Management - Part Fifteen



The outstanding items for Phase One of the traffic calming scheme, and reconstruction of the over-runnable buildout at the Pickmoss Pinch Point, were completed as planned during the October half-term.

The Parish Council has raised a number of concerns with KCC, specifically about the visibility of some of the signage and the size of the reflective strips on the timber bollards. It is expected that these will be identified as 'issues' in the soon to be conducted 3rd Road Safety Audit.

The independent audit (the third in a series of audits) covers all the traffic calming measures installed, including road markings and signage. Once KCC Highways has reviewed the findings of the audit, and any recommendations made have been carried out, the traffic measures will be adopted by KCC as the local highway authority.

Now that the Phase One measures are complete, the Traffic Group will focus on delivering Phase Two (Pilgrims Way East & Sevenoaks Road) and Phase Three (Pilgrims Way West) of the Traffic Calming Scheme. Progress on the development of the remaining phases will follow in the new year.

A staggering number of cars pass through Otford High Street every day, around 9,500, in excess of 650,000 since the measures have been in situ. Inevitably, there have been some teething problems as road users become accustomed to the new lay-outs, but this is to be expected after a new road lay-out has been installed.

You may have noticed that an accident occurred at 9.00am on Sunday 31st October at the Pickmoss Pinch Point when an elderly person simply did not see the buildout and drove straight into it. I am pleased to report that whilst the occupants of the vehicle were shaken up, no one was hurt. Eyewitnesses have reported that the driver was not speeding, and no other vehicles were involved.

To ensure the Pinch Point warnings are visible in all scenarios, the Parish Council has spoken to KCC to ask for improvements and reluctantly for the timber bollards to be replaced with standard reflective bollards.

Cllr Irene Roy, Chairman of the Traffic Management Group