

Appendix C Pedestrian Crossing(s)

Historical

There has been a move to request a crossing on Parton Road for 10 years. There have been requests from resident, at a number of sites around the village including: -

- 1) Drews Court
- 2) Pirton Lane (close to Churchdown School)
- 3) Station Road – close to the railway bridge
- 4) Parton Road, close to the Parish Council Offices

Reasons for: -

A community Speed Watch team have been surveying the traffic at various sites around the village. Those coincide with Parishioners comments on areas that speeding has an adverse effect.

The Community Speed Watch team have been in place for over a year and we are finding a pattern.

30mph zones: - 20% vehicles exceed 35mph (a parameter set by the Police). The figure is much higher were we to record vehicles exceeding the posted 30mph. Speeds are frequently recorded as exceeding 40mph, with a maximum recorded (to date) of 61mph.

20mph zones: - 50% vehicles exceed 25mph. This is higher, from observation, were we to be recording vehicles exceeding the 20mph. Speeds are frequently recorded more than 40mph. A recent Highways survey of traffic over a seven-day period confirmed the speeds and traffic flow issues observed by residents and CSW teams.

In the spirit of attempting to support the recently updated GCC Road Safety Policy we have been liaising with the Police to attempt to influence their enforcement teams. This issue is, that the scale of work that we have identified, far outstrips their financial and staffing resources. There are reportedly, only 5 enforcement teams running in Gloucestershire. The Police have been very supportive, and an enforcement officer has been witnessed, recording the traffic, outside the Offices. The results from those sessions adequately support the CSW data. This has been evident in the fact that they can only handle the tops 15 cars we record in a session, and have cut back on other reporting tools that I used to compile reports to the Council.

Areas Identified

1. Drews Court
 - This has been requested as during school times, residents find it challenging to safely deliver their children.
 - Hill walkers find crossing the road, due to speeds and visibility issues.
 - 700 cars per hour/320 cars per hour off peak. 85% - 30mph, 15% over 30mph
2. Pirton Lane
 - This is an issue during school times as there is some questionable parking on the road, which reduced visibility and driver patience during busy times
 - Residents in the school side of Pirton lane attempting to cross a busy road to get to the shops on Jack Daniels Way
 - By the school 700 cars per hour/370 off peak. 85% traffic below 27mph, 15% over 30mph
 - NB lots of traffic during drop off/pick up. Natural traffic calming

3. Station Road

- This is an issue during school times, combined with an increased traffic flow and CSW team recorded speeds along that road
- Residents use that road to cross to the Doctor's Surgery
- Peak 700 cars per hour, 450 per hour off peak. 15% over 35mph cables (20% CSW)

Parton Road

- This has been witnessed as being an issue during the secondary school times, where a high number of students cross the road to access the Parish Council car park.
- Nursery School – it has been seen that significant number pedestrians cross this area as there is no pavement on the Nursery school side of the bridge (over the A40).
- Residents in the care homes are restricted from crossing the road, to access the CCA cafe, due to traffic and the absence of a drop curb, to accommodate wheelchairs.
- Many residents (of all ages) cross the road (near the CCA) to access the Parish Council play, dog walking, cycle path, half pipe and Pump track facilities.
- Peak 800 cars per hour/460 off peak. 15-18% traffic exceeds 35mph. Highest Speed recoded 61mph at 14:45-15:00

Issues affecting crossing on Parton Road (preferred option)

1. The increased building of residential houses within Churchdown, has increased the reliance on the GP services within Churchdown GP Surgery. This may impact on the traffic flow on Parton Road
2. The building of the Pump tract has shown an increased use, since opening. This increases the flow of traffic on Parton Road, by cars and bicycles. This has an impact in the ability to safely cross the road at this point, for both pedestrians and cyclists.
3. Parishioner enjoy the Parish facilities to safely walk and with their dogs. This is a valuable facility to improve body and mental wellbeing. Visually impaired parishioners would also benefit.
4. The planned development of an accessibility path around the Parish ponds area. This will allow more residents to enjoy that area. When built, this will bring more vehicles to the Parish Council car park, whilst also increasing the number of residents that will require to cross Parton Road. Those people will often be mobility challenged, adding to the difficulty in crossing safely.