

SPEED REDUCING SURVEY
Results of Town Council/M&VCAP SRC Survey
January 2010

Conclusions

- 1 There is very little support for additional speed reducing measures such as chicanes or pelican crossings.
- 2 Whilst the majority of respondents are against any form of calming at most of the locations listed, there is also a significant percentage (ranging between 41% to 60%) who agree that Speed Reducing Cushion's (SRC) are the preferred means of speed calming.
- 3 Depending on the SRC location a significant percentage ranging between 24% to 88% would like to have full width cushions.
- 4 With respect to the Triangle junction (where no Speed Reducing Cushions exists at present) the number of respondents are in favour of speed calming at this junction almost equals those who are against such an installation. That said, 87% of respondents are also in favour of a full width cushion(s), but no specific point for this is identified. This also the case for the entrance to Cross Hayes which already has a full width but rounded profile cushion.
- 5 A number of elderly respondents have reported physical discomfort when traversing the existing angular SRCs, and some driver respondents have also reported suspension damage to their vehicles. (This occurrence has been confirmed by a national survey conducted by Rob Gifford of PACT (Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety)

Observations

Many vehicles and especially 4 x 4's are able to straddle the existing angular humps thus limiting their potential for persuading motorists to drive more slowly.

Recommendations

- 1 The present 20 mph speed zone be changed to a 20mph speed **LIMIT** and extended to cover the whole of the town's conservation area.
- 2 Subject to funds being available all angular cushions to be given a flat profile to remove their jolt producing angularity, and extended to full road width to improve their effectiveness. Being flat they could be used by pedestrians to cross the road.
- 3 Where an SRC has to be removed as part of work to remedy a road defect or to repair utility services, the need for it to be replaced and the form it should take to be reviewed and agreed with Malmesbury Town Council.
- 4 MTC to debate the need for appropriately profiled SRC's to be installed at the Triangle and a change of format of the others, with the Highway Engineers and report their findings to Wiltshire County through the Area Board.