

Response from Steve Colwill, Wiltshire Police,
Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit

Dear Tom,

Following on from our telephone conversation, I make the following comments. I agree that the restrictions created by the lack of sufficient footpath and carriageway width throughout most of Church Road/Riverside Road limit the available options for providing dedicated cycle facilities. I concur therefore that the most effective scheme would be based around removing the central white lines and laying advisory cycle lanes on either side of the road, as outlined in para. 4.2.1 of the Mouchel report. I agree that this type of scheme may reduce vehicle speeds in what has been a "problem" area in the past (although the perception of speed may have not always have been borne out in reality.) I believe motorists are now more used to such schemes although I do agree that some sort of education may be necessary.

If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Steve Colwill
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