

COMMENTS

Ref	<u>Comment Received</u>	<u>Officer Comment</u>
1	I completely support this proposal. I can't believe that measures aren't already in place. We often hear and have seen cars racing past our house and the school. I think these proposals are an excellent start and would hope that further traffic calming measures could be put in place in the longer term also. I also feel there should be a 20mph limit in place for this end of the village as is often the case near to schools.	Schools within Wiltshire are now able to apply for an advisory, part time 20 mph speed limit to be installed outside of their grounds through the Taking Action on School Journeys Challenge fund. All schools have been made aware of this and the process involved and Wiltshire Council would welcome an application from West Ashton Primary School.
2	I object to the proposals, for the following reasons; 1) traffic cushions and pads encourage vehicles to markedly decelerate and accelerate either side of the obstacles, and that creates noise. More residents will complain about increased traffic noise than ever complained about speeding vehicles. 2) the two cushions south of the village hall are poorly sited for any goods vehicle coming up the hill, as those cushions, combined with the parked cars on the left hand side of the road, will make hill starts yet more difficult and yet more frequent. With personal experience, I have taken livestock in a lorry on that road and it is difficult and un-nerving to undertake a hill start at that point on the hill; and 3) traffic calming measures of the type proposed on a country road are creeping urbanisation and should be resisted.	It is acknowledged that vertical deflection can lead to increased noise from vehicles and this was brought to the attention of the parish council during the development of this proposal. It was felt by the parish council that any additional noise would be offset by the benefits of reduced speeds. The two cushions in the vicinity of the village hall will be designed and constructed, taking into consideration the topography of the carriageway.
3	I am writing on behalf of West Ashton Parish Council to express the council's support for the plans for traffic calming in the village. I have however, been asked to inform you that the parish council has sympathy with the issues of the 'pads' near to the village hall. Ideally, the council would like to see measures along the whole of the Bratton Road to limit the speed of traffic - as we have previously reported and evidenced, traffic appears to use West Ashton as a convenient shortcut to avoid Yarnbrook and the A350 route to the West Ashton crossroads.	Any additional vertical calming features would be subject to further formal advertisement and would require additional funding. An additional feature, without vertical deflection, at a central location can be investigated as part of the detail design of the proposed calming scheme.
4	My wife and I are in agreement that traffic calming is required in Bratton Road, West Ashton. We live at No 20 and the speed of many vehicles passing our bungalow is obviously far in excess of 30 mph. We agree that the proposed table 56 metres south of the junction with East Town Road is probably about the correct site.	Any additional vertical calming features or alteration to the location of those proposed would be subject to further formal advertisement and would require additional funding. An additional feature, without vertical deflection, at a central location can be investigated as part of the detail design of the proposed calming scheme.

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	<p>We consider, however, that the proposed speed cushions should be much further south east than 45 metres from Orchard Close.</p> <p>At the point proposed there are normally several vehicles parked which probably already act as a deterrent to speeding.</p> <p>We consider the cushions should be sited where the road straightens just past the school entrance, and if funds allow, a further set installed between the two proposed deterrents would be even more effective.</p>	
5	<p>I am encouraged that plans are being made for traffic calming along Bratton Road.</p> <p>However having only lived in the village for seven years in which time the speeding traffic has greatly increased in number I would strongly like to suggest that a third raised carriageway be made equidistant between the two proposed raised carriageways.</p> <p>I say this because this part of the road is very straight and car drivers and farm workers 'put their foot down' when they see a clear road.</p> <p>With this additional raised carriageway it is, in my view the only way we can reduce the thoughtless speeding drivers in our village.</p>	<p>Any additional vertical calming features would be subject to further formal advertisement and would require additional funding.</p> <p>An additional feature, without vertical deflection, at a central location can be investigated as part of the detail design of the proposed calming scheme.</p>