

Members are requested to formally NOTE and CONSIDER the proposal received from the Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

Background to Issue 11-23-08

With the completion of the Ridgeway Farm development there has been an increase in traffic which has led to a number of vehicles speeding along this short stretch of road heading through Common Platt. There are 2 pedestrian crossings along this stretch of road, one at Ash Close which has metal barriers on both sides and one at The Willows which has no barriers, the one at The Willows is on a bend and obstructed by a hedge, this crossing is very dangerous as vehicles speed along unaware of people crossing and there has been a lot of near misses.

Summary from WC Engineer

After my site meeting with Cllr Suleman on the 8th August, I have put together an outline plan of suggested improvements for Common Platt. A few points to note.

1. Whilst there several streetlights along Common Platt at either end, they do not form 'a system' which allows us to use of '30' speed limit repeaters (see PDF plan). 30mph carriageway roundels can also be used if desired.
2. Unfortunately, the lack of street lighting rules out the use of formal traffic calming features i.e., humps, chicanes along the length etc.
3. The length would not meet the current Wiltshire criteria for a 20mph limit as existing traffic speeds are more than the required 24/25mph
4. The hedge either side of unofficial footpath link from 'The Willow's will need extensive work to cut back and ensure suitable visibility to the crossing point
5. The warning signs x2 (Pedestrians crossing) are optional, but may provide a useful reminder to driver of pedestrians crossing Common Platt. The location at the eastern end will need to be agreed.
6. I haven't shown a staggered barrier on the new footpath link from 'The Willows' but this can be included if desired.
7. The scheme would cost in the region of £8,000 (not formally costed), the Parish Council would be required to make a contribution of 25% of the final cost.

Clerks Comment

The Parish Council has ring fenced funds of £7,000 for Highway projects.