

TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024

PIXHAM SPEED AND TRAFFIC GROUP (STAG) MEETING: 7.30 – 9PM

OLD PIXHAM SCHOOL

Chair – Debbie Whitton

Notes - Pat Smith

41 present, including Cllr Hazel Watson

7.30: Debbie introduced STAG to the meeting. STAG has met several times over the last 3 months, investigated possible sources of funding & prepared various alternatives. Thanks to David who re-painted the Pixham sign close to the A24 & Anthony who has asked for council action to clean up signs and replace road markings. Hazel has visited Pixham Lane with the Highways Officer.

PPT slides presented.

Hazel's ideas, working with Highways Engineer from SCC: a former traffic calming proposal would cost £300k but was not followed. Now looking for CIL funding for £100,000. She needs to know what priority the residents give to each proposal. Proposals outside the bid are possible, eg more double yellow lines: they must be made by 1 Dec 2024 to implement in 2025.

- **Improve signage.** Do we need more? Check on an individual basis.  
If 30mph limit introduced along A25, our 30mph signs at entrance to Pixham will disappear.  
**ACTION: Hazel was asked to investigate extending the 30mph to Hillier's nursery.**  
Present position of signs close to A25 – tree growth means people often don't see them in summer. Hazel: there are site restrictions: signs have to be positioned close to where the speed limit changes so it's not possible to change them.
- **Instal road build-out pinch point** nr Chester Close with priority to southbound traffic, to slow traffic down as it goes down the hill from A25. Would be S of Chester Close.  
Points raised about possible queues of traffic and dangers if the queue stretches back to the A25. Q: can there be more HGV restrictions, eg Franks, heavy tractors. There are advisory signs but these are not legally enforceable. Some lorries need access. A 6'6" restriction is possible. Hazel has arranged for this on other roads, but police need to enforce it.  
How does this relate to the possibility of creating a 20mph limit through Pixham? If SCC passes this for areas of Surrey – consultation process right now – this doesn't mean people will drive at 20mph. Hazel thought physical barriers were more effective. Also the q of whether Pixham will be eligible for 20mph zone.
- **Road table at Leslie Rd** to narrow the entrance & reduce parking at junction. Will make the junction safer but won't have an effect on speeds. Bus Companies don't like them. Comment – traffic is already slow there because of the lights. It was suggested that we could look at a similar item in another place - by the turning off the A24 maybe.
- **Another traffic island** by Aviva sports ground – would reduce traffic speed & increase safety.
- **Kerb buildout** at A24 roundabout to make the turning more pronounced. Would need to be done along with (4). Hatching in place right now doesn't work well. V poor visibility for vehicles exiting Pixholme Court. 'Russian roulette'. People speed around the curve from A24.

Need for clearer signage at A24 end, but signage round the roundabout is regulated by Dept of Transport.

**ACTION: Hazel to find out if 30mph signs coming off the A24 can be moved closer to the roundabout, as they are a little way down Pixham Lane at present. And/or a sign on the A24 to indicate that left turn is into a 30mph road.**

Several suggestions made to improve the junction. Needs to be more like access from A25. Raised kerbs to pedestrian island in middle of the road to slow traffic down.

Change in road surface – cobbles? – as traffic enters Pixham? Shows that they're entering a residential area. Hazel said this would be v noisy. Adrian – residents would tolerate noise because of increased safety. Hazel – red road surface at A25 entrance is same principle. (Pat's comment – so would this be an option? But the state of the red paint is pretty dire). Christian – pricing - how realistic are the costings? Hazel – the prices are real & expensive. They are all -inclusive.

- Vehicle activated signs. C£20k for pair. Hazel said they have limited impact. People didn't agree.
- Timber bollards, c£25 each. To protect the verges. What if PRA put them in? **ACTION: Hazel will find out.** What about the FC bollards? Who will repair them? Liz Lewington finding out for us.
- Double yellow lines. In places hatchings would need to be removed if we had yellow lines. Also police enforcement – would police agree if they felt they couldn't enforce? DYLines would also stop verge parking. Good visual deterrent. Hatchings are a cheap way to traffic calm, & make road appear narrower.
- Better street lights: eg pinch point badly lit.
- Entry 'gates' at both ends. Could also have speed signs attached.
- Possible funding:

a) CIL: CIL funding - There will be more CILs as developments occur. 2 pots: Money from Strategic CIL is waiting until Local Plan finalised. Neighbourhood CIL currently has £100k max.

b) Stonegate: STAG are asking them about this

c) PRA: another possibility.

### **VOTING FOR PREFERRED SOLUTIONS**

Results:

Option 3 - junction table at Leslie Road (£50-70k) - 0 votes

Option 9 - increased street lighting (£2600+ each) - 7 votes

Option 1 - improve signage (£ not known) - 10 votes

Option 2 - road buildout/pinchpoint at Chester Close (£25k) - 16 votes

Option 7 - bollards (c£25 each) - 17 votes

Option 10 - entry signs/gates (£500+ each) - 18 votes

Option 8 - double yellow lines (£ not known) - 18 votes

Option 4 - island by Aviva Sports ground (£25-50k) - 26 votes

Option 5 - road buildout at Pixholme Court (£25-50k) - 26 votes

Option 6 - 2 vehicle activated signs (£20k per pair) - 27 votes

Debbie explained the likely next steps. Many thanks to all for attending.

Meeting ended at 9pm.