

The following text is a combination of the text I created and issued in leaflet form and by email in 2002/3 whilst attempting to have measures applied to Holyport Road to reduce speeding.

I show this here because now in June 2013 we have some residents who are keen to slow Holyport Road traffic. Be aware that this has all been tried before and let's see now if we can do better than we did in 2002.

You will see from the following that in 2003 after a consultation had demonstrated people's wishes for Holyport Road and after RBWM had made plans to apply them, the Bray Parish Council had these plans overturned.

Leaflet 1.

Speeding and Traffic Noise on Holyport Road

I am not a councillor, nor do I work for the council. I'm writing to you only because I live on Holyport Road and have had enough of speeding and traffic noise.

If you are of like mind, you will be pleased to know that a Traffic Calming consultation is to take place, probably this summer, and you can expect to receive a Council leaflet asking for your views. Note that Traffic Noise could also be improved by resurfacing the road, but it seems unlikely that this will be done in the short term.

The object of this note is to ask you to please be sure to complete and return the questionnaire and also to try to co-ordinate our objections. I don't know what form the questionnaire will take, or whether there will be options as to the method of traffic calming to be applied. Personally, I think that Speed Cameras would be best.

Speeding Information: The local council organised a traffic survey from 19th to 25th September 2001, which showed that on average 6000 vehicles per day travel on Holyport Road. My analysis of the survey, for speeds over 30 mph for the whole week produced the following results:

Northbound			Southbound			Both Directions
Speed Range	Number of Vehicles	Running Total	Speed Range	Number of Vehicles	Running Total	Running Total
75-80	1	1	75-80	0	0	1
70-75	4	5	70-75	1	1	6
65-70	7	12	65-70	5	6	18
60-65	20	32	60-65	13	19	51
55-60	70	102	55-60	40	59	161
50-55	202	304	50-55	162	221	525
45-50	646	950	45-50	747	968	1,918
40-45	2,233	3,183	40-45	2,325	3,293	6,476
35-40	5,455	8,638	35-40	5,275	8,568	17,206
30-35	7,364	16,002	30-35	6,913	15,481	31,483

In that week 31,483 vehicles traveled faster than 30 mph. This gives an average of 4,497 per day, which when compared with the 6000 per day overall average shows that 75% of vehicles traveled at over 30 mph. Of the 31,483 incidences, 525 were over 50 miles per hour and of these, 161 were over 55; 51 over 60; 18 over 65; 6 over 70; and 1 over 75.

To comment and/or keep in touch on this, please advise me by e-mail, phone or letter. If you e-mail, your house name or number will enable me to avoid repeating any future message by leaflet as well as by email.

Andrew Cormie, Old Pines, Holyport Rd. andrew@zembu.plus.com

Leaflet 2.

Holyport Road Traffic Volume and Speeding

Can we improve our quality of life?

I wrote to you earlier this year and advised;

1. The results of a traffic survey carried out on Holyport Road in September 2001.
2. That Windsor and Maidenhead Council (RBWM) had agreed to install some sort of Traffic Calming by the end of April 2003.
3. That RBWM would instigate a traffic calming consultation with local residents during summer 2002.

I also suggested that any of you who have e-mail addresses should forward them to andrew@zembu.plus.com so as to be kept advised of progress. As to this latter suggestion, I received notification of e-mail addresses from five homes out of approximately sixty. This means either that hardly any of you have got e-mail addresses, or that you are not very interested in reducing traffic volumes and speeds on our road, or you forgot about it.

I can now advise you that at least one house whose owners have put it on the market, has been rejected by prospective buyers because of both the amount and the speed of traffic on Holyport Road. Does this fact make you wish to have both volume and speeds reduced? And will you contact me by e-mail, or otherwise? I hope so. (Andrew Cormie, Old Pines, Holyport Road, SL6 2HA)

PROGRESS REPORT

1. RBWM has staffing problems, which has resulted in a delay on the traffic calming consultation, and probably will result in delays in the implementation of traffic calming.
2. Long standing attempts by others to get traffic calming in Fifield, are meeting with similar delays.
3. Pressure is being applied by a few Holyport Road residents, and by one from Byland Drive, to obtain early traffic calming action from RBWM.
4. This pressure is applied both through Bray Parish Council, and direct on RBWM, and has been reported in the Maidenhead Advertiser.
5. As a result of this, it has been initially agreed with RBWM that a mobile speed-indicating device will be deployed on our road soon. This device senses the speed of oncoming traffic and signals drivers to slow down if travelling too fast.
6. Attempts are underway to have a "Community Speed Watch (CSW)" put in place on our road. In CSW some residents are trained by police in the use of speed measuring devices, and work together with police to identify speeding vehicles. Speeding drivers are then written to by police and warned. Any subsequent speeding by such drivers, if caught by the CSW would result in prosecution.

ACTION REQUEST

If you have e-mail facilities, please send me an e-mail. This will result in you being put in touch with all others who send e-mails, and you will be kept advised of progress.

Also, having your e-mail address, I will be able to quickly contact you to ask you to write to RBWM if necessary, so as to apply greater pressure.

Leaflet 3.

Holyport Road Residents against Speeding Traffic

NOW! Improve Safety and Quality of Life on Holyport Road

Speed can kill; - but speeding traffic on Holyport Road can be reduced.

Are you concerned about children's safety on our road? -- Do you

Fear that your property value and sale-ability is less because of traffic volume & speed?

Envoy those who live in quieter areas?

Think that our road has been a desirable place to live but is becoming less so? -- Then

You must take action now to make Holyport Road a safer environment.

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead have said that they will issue a questionnaire to local residents this month (October 2002) asking for your opinion on traffic calming for Holyport Road, intended to be installed by Spring 2003. We believe that this would not have happened but for the campaigning carried out by the informal committee of local residents who have issued this note.

From many possible options we suggest that the best traffic calming could be as described below.

1. From the A308 end to the commencement of the straight part of Holyport Road. Intensive "Dragons Teeth" markings in red and yellow on the road surface.
2. At the start of the straight part of Holyport Road - "Gateway" notices on each side of the road stating "30 - Please Drive Slowly"
3. For the rest of Holyport Road as far as Holyport Green - "Speed Cushions" and appropriate road signs and road centre lines.
4. A Zebra Crossing to be positioned somewhere around the middle of Holyport Road.

Other possible options - on the road surface - red areas with elongated "30" roundels & "SLOW" and "Children Crossing" signs.



To ensure that we get a useful form of traffic calming, it will help if as many people as possible ask for the same thing. Please therefore help yourselves by providing a determined response to the RBWM questionnaire.

Any constructive comments would be welcome.

Leaflet 4.

HOLYPORT ROAD

ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATION

HAVE YOU COMPLETED AND RETURNED YOUR CONSULTATION LEAFLET?

In September 2001 RBWM organised a Holyport Road traffic survey. An analysis of the survey results showed that on average 6000 vehicles per day travel on Holyport Road and that in one week 31,483 vehicles travelled faster than 30 mph. This gives an average of 4,497 speeding vehicles each day, which when compared with the 6000 per day overall average shows that 75% of vehicles travelled at over 30 mph. Of the 31,483 incidences, 6476 were over 40 miles per hour and of these, 525 were over 50; 161 were over 55; 51 over 60; 18 over 65; 6 over 70; and 1 over 75.

**RBWM has now issued a Road Safety Consultation leaflet for Holyport Road.
RBWM want replies by 5th November.**

To ensure that we get a useful form of traffic calming, it will help if as many people as possible ask for the same thing. Please therefore help yourselves by providing a determined response to the RBWM questionnaire.

An informal committee - Holyport Road Residents against Speeding Traffic - recommends you to answer the RBWM consultation as follows;

"From the A308 end to the Holyport boundary, (just before "High Trees" and after "The Inches") intensive **"DRAGONS TEETH"** markings in red and yellow on the road surface. On the HOLYPORT VILLAGE boundary, **"GATEWAY"** notices on each side of the road (facing the A308 end) stating **"HOLYPORT VILLAGE 30 Please Drive Slowly"**. For the whole length of Holyport Road as far as Holyport Green, **"SPEED CUSHIONS"** and appropriate road signs and road centre lines. A **ZEBRA OR PELICAN CROSSING** around the middle of Holyport Road. Several **red areas on the road with elongated 30 roundels, (one at the "gateway"),** and **SLOW** and **CHILDREN CROSSING** signs."



Leaflet 5.

HOLYPORT ROAD

ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 92%

Congratulate yourselves, all those who responded to the Royal Borough's Consultation on Holyport Road Traffic Calming, showing that 92% are in favour of traffic calming.

As you know from the council's letter of 14th January 2003, the council has proposed 15 pairs of speed cushions, which are now subject to planning approval regulations.

But do not yet be certain that we will get these!

The council has invited comments from all interested parties, and these will include the Bus Company, the Fire Service and the Ambulance Service, who will be interested in keeping the roads clear of any delays.

The proposals will also be discussed with local councillors;- David Burbage, Barry Thompson and Leo Walters.

As you will also know from the council's letter, although a majority of us was in favour of speed cushions ideally with a pedestrian crossing, the council has determined that a pedestrian crossing would not be suitable. As no explanation was given for this decision I have asked the council for a more comprehensive explanation.

There is also no intention to have speed cushions between the pair shown as SC1 (at Stroud Farm Road) and the end of Holyport Road at Holyport Green.

I have asked for a further three pairs of cushions in that stretch. If like me, you think it is necessary to slow traffic as it approaches the Stroud Farm Road corner from Holyport Green then please ask for the same.

I have also asked for 30 mph limit signs and children crossing signs on red areas on the road surface and also 30mph signs on the lamp-posts.

SHOULD YOU HAVE A CONTINUED INTEREST IN GETTING MORE CUSHIONS, OR AT LEAST ENSURING THAT THE CURRENT PROPOSALS ARE NOT DILUTED BY COMMENTS FROM OTHERS, AND SHOULD YOU WISH TO HAVE A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND BETTER SPEED SIGNING PLEASE WRITE TO PETER FICKEN IN THE COUNCIL'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION SECTION.

Leaflet 6.

HOLYPORT ROAD

ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATION

TIME FOR MORE ACTION FROM THE 92%

Further to the last notice, please be aware that as part of the consultation process, Bray Parish Council has proposed to the Royal Borough that the 15 pairs of speed cushions proposed for Holyport Road be replaced by electronic signs that will indicate to drivers their vehicle speed.

It is likely that such signs will do little to slow determined speeders, as police never check Holyport Road, and the signs would not record driver identities.

In connection with the Fifield traffic calming proposal, Bray Parish Council have also proposed to the Royal Borough that Fifield Road be given a weight and width restriction on vehicles.

If a weight and width restriction is approved for Fifield Road then drivers of heavy vehicles accustomed to using Fifield Road may change to Holyport Road.

IF YOU WANT TO HAVE TRAFFIC VOLUME ON HOLYPORT ROAD REDUCED AS WELL AS SLOWED, PLEASE WRITE TO PETER FICKEN IN THE COUNCIL'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION SECTION TO REJECT THE BRAY PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO DELETE THE HOLYPORT ROAD SPEED CUSHIONS.

ALSO, SHOULD YOU HAVE A CONTINUED INTEREST IN GETTING MORE CUSHIONS, OR AT LEAST ENSURING THAT THE COMPETENT TRAFFIC ENGINEERS PROPOSALS ARE NOT DILUTED BY COMMENTS SUCH AS THOSE FROM BRAY PARISH COUNCIL, AND SHOULD YOU WISH TO HAVE A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND BETTER SPEED SIGNING AND ROAD MARKINGS PLEASE WRITE TO PETER FICKEN IN THE COUNCIL'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION SECTION.

Email Peter Ficken at peter.ficken@rbwm.gov.uk or write to

Peter Ficken,
Traffic and Transportation Department,
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.
Town Hall,
St Ives Road,
Maidenhead
SL6 1RF

Leaflet 7.

HOLYPORT ROAD

ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATION

Status as of 21st Feb 2003

WISHES OF 92% OF RESIDENTS IGNORED

Councillor Derek Wilson of RBWM has ruled that the speed cushions requested by residents and proposed by the borough's competent traffic engineers for Holyport Road will not be installed. Instead, we will get the electronic speed indicating signs proposed by the Bray Parish Council.

It is likely that such signs will do little to slow determined speeders, as police never check Holyport Road, and the signs would not record driver identities.

Regarding the Fifield traffic calming proposal, because of Bray Parish Council intervention, the competent traffic engineers proposals have been cancelled and another scheme is being considered. However, it remains likely that the Fifield Road scheme will be more aggressive than the Holyport Road speed signs, so we can expect an increase of traffic on Holyport Road.

There may eventually be a weight and width restriction on Fifield Road, as proposed by Bray Parish Council, in which case drivers of heavy vehicles accustomed to using Fifield Road may also change to Holyport Road. Although Holyport Road does not have a route number it is being treated as a main road such as the Ascot Road (A330).

IF YOU AGREE THAT BRAY PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO MANDATE TO INTERFERE WITH THE WISHES OF 92% OF CONSULTED RESIDENTS, PLEASE EITHER ATTEND WITH ME AT THE BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON WED 26TH MARCH AT THE BRAYWOOD MEMORIAL HALL, FIFIELD, OR WRITE YOUR SUPPORTING LETTER TO ME AT ANDREW@ZEMBU.PLUS.COM OR AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW.

also write or email objections to the following;

Michael Lawrence, Derek Wilson, David Lunn, Sheila Holden, Paul Smith, Peter Ficken, Carolyn Dwyer, Leo Walters, David Burbage, Barry Thompson, Victoria Bailey, Matt Clark

Leaflet 8.

Holyport Road and Fifield Road Traffic Calming

Statement to Bray Parish Council by Andrew Cormie - 27/03/03

I am concerned that in the recent traffic calming consultations for Holyport Road and Fifield Road, the local RBWM Councillors and the Bray Parish Council did not support the choice of the majority of those residents who responded to the RBWM consultations.

Regarding the Holyport Road consultation it appears from information received from Bray Parish Council that the RBWM councillors adopted a personally preferred solution and attempted to impose this solution upon residents.

Regarding the Fifield Road consultation, it appears that initial proposals as requested by a majority of responding residents were altered by councillors.

My complaint to the leader of the RBWM council about these attempts by RBWM councillors to impose solutions which had no mandate from residents, contrary to the published ethos of the Conservative led council, has resulted in the forthcoming repeat of these traffic calming consultations.

For these new traffic calming consultations on Holyport Road and Fifield Road, I ask the Bray Parish Council leader to confirm that he will demand of the RBWM councillors that they support the requests of the majority of responding residents.

Note that the Conservative manifesto under the heading "Councillors in their Communities" states;

"Councillors will become strong, local representatives for their area. Their role will be to listen to people, absorb their views and then take them forward to council"

A further Conservative document states;

"The Conservative Group is proposing a straightforward and understandable modern management structure based on accountability, efficiency and transparency."