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FAQs regarding Proposals under HCC's Community-Funded Initiative For Consultation with local residents in May/June 2020

Facts for Note

- By law, on speed-restricted roads, speed limit reminders (either on road surface or by roadside) are only permitted if there is little or no street lighting ie street lamps are more than 200yards (183ms) apart. Police will not allow such roundels otherwise because the lamp-posts are considered to dictate speed instead. This applies to the mini-roundabout system by the Shell Garage, which is part-way through a 30mph zone.
- Various signage (on road and by roadside) is permitted at the entrance to a speed-restricted 'zone', and reminder roundels are permitted within such zones if lampposts are further apart. HCC currently favours 'dragons teeth' (triangles increasing in size) road markings on the approaches to 30mph zones/residential areas.

Points of Interest

- ❖ Removal of the 'centre line' on some highways is considered to encourage motorists to take more care as the perceived safety of such a line is taken away. This cannot be done near certain road obstacles eg corners, where the implicit hazard must be flagged up.
- ❖ 'Edge lining' generally refers to white lining just in from the kerbside which is designed to give the illusion of a road narrowing thereby encouraging drivers to be cautious.

Why can't more substantial measures be included like 'build-outs'?

RCPC has very limited powers regarding roads. In the face of cuts to its own funding, this Initiative was developed by Hampshire County Council (HCC) to allow local communities to fund straightforward, minor traffic management measures within a limited framework. An HCC Traffic Engineer has advised on what measures are possible and/or feasible and HCC's Safety Audit Team has approved the final proposals.

Why have these roads been identified for works and not others?

With help from volunteers, Rowlands Castle Parish Council (RCPC) conducted a Traffic Survey in 2016, which was updated in 2019. It used the resulting recommendations to prioritise spending under this Initiative, initially on Manor Lodge Road and Finchdean Road. We are aware that speeding is an issue throughout the Parish however RCPC has very limited powers in this respect. Drivers' attention needs to be drawn to the 'blind' bend at the centre of the rural hamlet of Finchdean, which will also benefit from picket-fence style gateway signage in common with other roads in the Parish. Durrants Rd is identified by Speedwatch as one of the major roads for speeding in the South of Butser parishes and it is hoped similar gateway signage and other lining will improve matters there. On Woodberry Lane, we want to draw attention to the fact that vehicles are approaching a residential area using gateway and reminder speed limit signage. We also want to install 'dragons teeth' to reinforce the new-ish gateway signage on Manor Lodge Road.

In future, RCPC hopes other roads can be considered for works under the Initiative, providing additional funding allows.

What it going to cost and where's the money coming from for the works?

The works are estimated to cost c £12,200. RCPC budgeted for them in 2018/19 so funds are available from existing reserves. For reasons beyond RCPC's control, it has taken some time to finalise these proposals.

Will there be any ongoing costs once these works are completed?

The additional signage measures should be low maintenance unless they are significantly damaged eg by a collision. Once the lining works have been undertaken then re-lining will be required, probably every 3 to 5 years depending on usage. This will cost roughly the same amount as the original lining, depending on inflation, because whilst the lining is relatively cheap, the management of the road during the works is more costly.

When will the works be undertaken?

Once the consultation process has been completed and assessed, the timeframe for undertaking the works rests with HCC and its contractor(s).

What is white edge lining and how does it help?

An example of such lining is available below. It can give the impression that the road is less wide than it is, which has a natural speed-calming effect.

Will the existing Village-Entry signs be retained, particularly the decorative ones?

Yes, although some will need to be slightly relocated to allow for additional speed limit reminder signage to be installed as well.

Why isn't Whichers Gate Road included in these proposals?

Bellway Developments is contractually obliged to install some traffic calming on the road and this was the subject of a consultation by Bellway a few years ago. We still await the installation of these measures, which we were told were delayed due to weather conditions. There are also additional developers' contributions set aside for further measures on the Road.

Example of white edge lining:



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