

5. Continuing Projects and Activities

C) Traffic

**1) Updating of Strategic Highway Model**

Traffic counters have been installed on key routes across Middlesbrough.

The traffic management wires have been placed on roads to record the number of vehicles using particular routes each day and to understand traffic flow.

The data collected over the next few weeks will be used to update the town's Strategic Highway Model. The Highway Model is a tool used to determine the need for improvements to the borough's road network and to assess the potential impact of proposed developments on the operation of the network and to assess the potential impact of proposed developments on the operation of the network, both now and in future years.

A resident has raised concerns about the accuracy of data collected on Guisborough road due to the closure at Swans Corner.

**2) Speed Signage on Dixons Bank**

From Steve Rigg Principal Engineer – Traffic & Parking

The latest position is this:

Dixons Bank has been added to the Police's top 10 list of speed camera enforcement sites for Middlesbrough and will remain on the list until at least till the end of this year, to reinforce adherence to the new limit.

The enforcement location is to the north of the Brass Castle Lane junction as speeds are slightly higher here.

There were no differences between the northbound and southbound speeds at the two survey locations, with the survey south of Guisborough Road having an 85% tile speed of 34mph both ways and the survey north of Brass Castle Lane recording an 85% tile speed of 35mph northbound and southbound.

My recommendations remain the same in that we take time for the new limit to settle in with increased levels of Police enforcement, however I'm happy to continue to engage with yourselves re speed activated sign(s) should concerns remain and funding be available.

In relation to Mr Dinsdale's email, the signing regulations prohibit the use of 30mph repeater signs where a road has a system of carriageway lighting, with the presence

of the lighting meaning that a road automatically has a speed limit of 30mph, the lamps taking the place of repeater signs.

Where a 30mph speed limit is imposed on an unlit road, it is recommended that 30mph repeater signs are provided. This was the case when we recently reduced the speed limit to 30mph on the roads to the north and south of Nunthorpe Village, where 30mph repeater signs were used as the roads are unlit.

### **3) Stokesley Road**

Email to Parish Council from a resident via website:

“I’m very concerned @ the intense traffic going down my road, Stokesley road, from Guisboro road, towards the new doctor’s surgery, after numerous liaison ing with M smiles, to no avail, the speed of the traffic is horrendous, if anyone actually stood on our road for 10 minutes, as promised by m smiles, to no avail, you would be astounded & it’s an accident waiting to happen, Please help”

From Rob Farnham Principal Transport Planning Officer

A similar complaint regarding the speed of vehicles on Stokesley Road was received via the Mayor's Office in July. I have arranged for an automatic traffic count to be carried out over a seven-day period in order to establish the current pattern of vehicle movements, although ongoing technical issues with our traffic count equipment mean that I don't currently have a date when that survey will be undertaken. The results of the survey will be key in determining the course of action thereafter.

On a more general point, and as you are probably aware, traffic flows on Stokesley Road are significantly higher than normal due to the ongoing junction improvement works at Swan's Corner Roundabout and the associated closure of the section of Guisborough Road between the roundabout and Gypsy Lane. These works are being undertaken by Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, and are currently scheduled for completion by November this year.

Once the junction improvement scheme is complete, Guisborough Road will be reopened and traffic flows on Stokesley Road will return to their normal level, thereby addressing some of the concerns expressed by the complainant.

### **4) Old Stokesley Road**

A resident has raised conditions about the road condition on Old Stokesley Road

Response from Rob Farnham Principal Transport Planning Officer:

“My colleagues in the Council’s Highway Maintenance Team have been out to inspect the condition of the carriageway on Old Stokesley Road, and are currently

making arrangements for remedial works to be carried out. I don't have any further details at this stage, but I'll update you as and when I hear anything more."

#### D) Crime and ASB

From Debbie Shaugnessy – Neighbourhood Safety Officer

##### **1) The Avenue Park**

The only thing of note that I'm aware of is that there have been a few issues on The Avenue fields to side of play park. Youths gathering in trees (possibly smoking cannabis) and off road bikes reported in same area.

The resident reporting the youths wanted the trees cut back / down. I made the request with Area Care but don't think this has happened and I know trees won't be removed until diseased or roots causing issues. The resident reporting the bikes didn't report to police and couldn't give any descriptions etc.

Wardens have been patrolling the area but have had nothing to report.

##### **2) CCTV at Southern Cross Junction**

DS keeps asking the question about the CCTV camera at Southern Cross and will try again!

##### **3) Nunthorpe Hall Farm**

Residents have reported anti-social; behaviour including graffiti and smoking drugs.

The farm is still the council responsibility and CSEL should be providing security so this is being followed up.

If residents can let us know when this is happening, DS can get security to check the area during these times.

##### **4) Anti Social Parking**

A resident has reported bad parking close to junctions and on pavements has been reported in the streets in and around The Avenue.

Resident advised to take photos and report incidents as and when they arise.

##### **5) Neighbourhood Watch**

Still going well, currently has 1,050 members.

More volunteers are required to manage the Facebook page and post relevant information.