

Full Council Meeting 14th October 2024

Proposal for a budget for conducting Speed Surveys

At its 17th September meeting the Traffic Management, Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee (TMPPS) agreed to conduct speed surveys at four sites in the Village. This follows on from earlier discussions by the Committee about the need for flashing speed signs in the Village where a number of locations were considered. Speed signs have now been installed on the High Street and on Wallingford Road by the School. The other potential sites for speed signs that were considered were Manor Road, Cleeve Road and Elvendon Road (prior to the junction with Icknield Road). At the time the decision to order speed signs was taken it was agreed that speed surveys should be carried out on the remaining sites to establish if there was a case for signs there also. It was further agreed that there should be a delay before speed surveys were carried out on the expectation that the newly installed speed signs would have the effect of reducing vehicle speeds across the Village over time.

The speed signs were installed in July this year and it is now timely to consider carrying out speed surveys. In addition, following the Planning Application for 16 houses on the Neighbourhood Plan site GNP8 in Gatehampton Road, residents have raised concerns about the current speed of vehicles in the road. They have asked for the 20mph limit to be extended for the whole of Gatehampton Road. The GNP8 site lies just beyond the end of the 20mph limit. TMPPS has not taken a view on the need for an extension of the speed limit, but evidence from a speed survey would be needed before making a decision.

The speed surveys are carried out by securing roadside monitoring equipment (usually to a lamppost) with a tube crossing the road which records speed, class and flows. Surveys would be in place for seven days and are provided by Oxfordshire CC Highways. Each survey costs £190 plus VAT (which is recoverable).

Council is asked to agree a budget of £760 excluding VAT for four speed surveys in Manor Road, Cleeve Road, Elvendon Road and Gatehampton Road. The exact locations of the surveys within those roads will be determined by TMPPS.