

Community Partnership Road and Traffic Workshop – Data Pack

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1. Parish Council comments and notes

Representatives from Grundisburgh and Debach Parish Councils were unable to attend the meeting, however discussed their views prior to the session.

Grundisburgh PC Notes

Key areas and issues

- Junction of Chapel Field, Meeting Lane and Upper/Lower Park Road. Narrow roads and high speed vehicles with no space to move.
- Walking to the shop from east of the village – no footpaths at some places.
- B1079 junction by bus stop – village and Burgh. Accidents, blind bend.
- Speedwatch working in silos, not sharing information with the Police or each other. Joined up approach needs to take place.
- Uncertainty about a Police contact.
- Speedwatch – low number of volunteers, many are older, have health conditions, etc.
- Hostility towards volunteers at times.
- Lack of organisers – should be the Parish Councils.
- ‘Pardon the weeds’ blocking sight lines at some junctions. Now addressed.
- Road signage defective/dirty/not being replaced when broken.
- B1079/Lower Road – not suitable for HGVs.

Possible solutions

- Speedwatch. Day of action, all working at the same time/day.
- SIDs – GC believes they do make a difference.
- Promotion and advertisement of Speedwatch to more volunteers.
- Change speed limit to 20mph in middle of village and lower road.
- Community self-help for replacing posts?

Debach Speed Indicator Device data

From 15th to 29th August, from South end of village

- Total vehicle count: 8990
- Max speed: 80 mph on 18th August at 19:25
- Average % of vehicles over 30 mph: 55%
- Average % of vehicles over 35 mph: 24%.

From 9th to 23rd May, from North end of village

- Total vehicle count: 6953
- Max speed: 60 mph on 11th May at 22:55:00
- Average % of vehicles over 30 mph: 62%
- Average % of vehicles over 35 mph: 28%

We have had vehicles entering the village at 90 mph - an astonishingly high speed! It should be borne in mind that Debach has no pavements - and has a number of bends. We have drawn the attention of the police to the problems we face, but the response has been disappointingly sporadic.

2. Useful website data;

[CrashMap - UK Road Safety Map](#)

[Suffolk County Council - ReportIT](#)

[Data – Suffolk Roadsafe](#)

3. Public Survey summary results.

A public survey was opened for two weeks during late August/early September. Promotion was done via Parish and Town Councils, social media pages for different communities and via the Grundisburgh News – reaching every household in 18 villages across Carlford and Fynn Valley.

Respondents were invited to submit information about the following;

- Which Town/Parish their issue related to
- Where exactly (if possible) – for example a particular corner or street
- What is the risk relating to? Speeding, cyclist safety, etc
- What potential solution do they suggest?

By close of play there were 230 responses received. This is an excellent number of responses.

Key points

Locations mentioned

Kesgrave	30.00%	69
Martlesham	15.65%	36
Charsfield	10.87%	25
Otley	8.70%	20
Grundisburgh	7.39%	17
Hasketon	5.65%	13
Clopton	4.78%	11
Little Bealings	3.48%	8
Great Bealings	3.04%	7
Tuddenham St Martin	3.04%	7
Purdis Farm	2.17%	5

Rushmere	1.74%	4
Debach	0.87%	2
Swilland	0.87%	2
Bredfield	0.43%	1
Burgh	0.43%	1
Playford	0.43%	1
Witnesham	0.43%	1

What is the concern relating to?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Speeding	41.05%	94
Pedestrian safety	13.97%	32
Cyclist safety	1.31%	3
Dangerous driving	7.42%	17
Areas near schools	6.99%	16
Other (please specify)	29.26%	67
	Answered	229
	Skipped	1

Speeding locations varied across the Community Partnership area. Helmingham Road, Otley was mentioned on regular occasions. This links with road accident data suggesting the area is a 'hotspot'.

Much of the 'Pedestrian safety' feedback was related to crossings, footpaths, and the lack of either. Within Kesgrave's responses to this question, 11 out of 12 people reported this issue being linked to Bell Lane and the Heath Primary School area.

There appeared to be very little pattern within the feedback received regarding 'Dangerous Driving'. Examples or locations did not appear linked.

The Bell Lane and Heath Primary School area again dominated the responses relating to 'Near Schools' with a small number linked to rural Primary Schools instead. Outside of Kesgrave these responses noted 'bad parking' as the concern, whilst in Kesgrave it was again the speed, volume and parking of traffic that causes concerns.

There was one response relating to 'Cyclist Safety' which requested better signage for cycle lanes.

Under 'Other' there were a mix of locations and concerns. 20% of these could have been listed under the other headings. Key themes included volume of traffic, visibility and speed.

Solutions

48 different solutions were suggested by the public respondents. Similarly worded suggestions were joined together and then filtered in to nine themes. Below are the nine themes, the sub topics and the number of suggestions each one received.

THEMES	TOTAL
PRACTICAL DEVELOPMENT	99
TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES	71
USE OF CAMERAS	44
SIGNAGE	41
MAINTENANCE	28
CYCLIST/PEDESTRIAN RELATED	27
STRATEGIC	26
ENFORCEMENT	24
EDUCATION/INFORMATION	5

Use of Cameras	44
ANPR	2
Mobile cameras	19
Average speed cameras	1
Fixed site cameras	9
SID (Speed Indicator Devices)	13
Enforcement	24
Enforcement of laws/rules	10
Speedwatch	3
Police presence	5
Lollipop people outside school	6
Signage	41
Cyclist signage	1
Signage	35
Corner warning lights	1
Quiet Lane scheme	3
Accident counter	1
Maintenance	28
Drainage	1
Clear road debris	1
Better maintenance	26
Cyclist/Pedestrian related	27
Footpath additions	2
Pedestrian crossings	4
Landowners engagement	1
Cycle priority	2
Railings at crossings	17
Pedestrian priority zone	1

Traffic Calming Measures	71
Speed bumps	46
Chicane	2
Rumble strips	3
Traffic lights	11
Intentional 'pinch points'	9
Education/Information	5
Child education/involvement	1
School engagement	2
Car pooling	1
Walk to school scheme	1
Practical Development	99
Yellow lines/double whites	14
Lower speed limit	54
Close layby	3
Higher curbs	4
New roundabout	9
One way system	4
CCTV	2
Wider roads	7
Increase grass verges	2
Strategic	26
Traffic planning	1
Corporate responsibility work	4
Planning involvement	1
Education	7
Diversion/closures	9
Weight limits on certain roads	4
Ban lorries on certain roads	2