



COSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting with Leicestershire County Council Highways Authority

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Notes:

In attendance:

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Cllr: J Chapman
Cllr: M Hillmann

Cllr: V Rye
Cllr: I Mullis

Cllr: M Howkins
Cllr: S Wegerif

Cllr: C Pharoah
Cllr: Wolfe (part)

Items for discussion: -

- 1) One-way system on Main Street Cosby, possibly starting at Chiltern Avenue - how to go about this, parish sponsored community consultation first
- 2) Restricted parking - subject to consultation with residents, residents only parking from Bunning Hall to outside St Michael and All Angels Church area.
- 3) Double yellow lines outside Co-op to allow buses to stop there safely and discourage private vehicles stopping on the bus stop (perhaps needs hatching?)
- 4) Reduction of traffic speed on all arterial roads entering Cosby (Croft Road, Narborough Road, Broughton Road, Countesthorpe Rd, Cambridge Rd)
- 5) Introduction of 20mph zones in sensitive areas i.e. The Nook, Main Street, Croft Road (residential / school zones) and Narborough Road, (primary school walking route)
- 6) Improved 7.5 tonne weight restriction signs & locations
- 7) A "STOP" sign at the Broughton Road junction with The Nook
- 8) Rumble (Speed / weight) strips to monitor weight and traffic volumes, particularly on Croft Road and Broughton Road

Actions and responses: -

1. Traffic Survey strips to monitor weight and traffic volumes, particularly on Croft Road and Broughton Road

2 to 4 locations to be identified by CPC ensuring a distance of 100 meters prior to a junction.

No installations will take place until traffic volumes are at, at least 80% of normal average volumes with CPC requests to be added to the waiting list at County Highways.

Earliest likely installations – April 2021

2. A "STOP" sign at the Broughton Road junction with The Nook

Legislation does not permit a "STOP" sign at this location, STOP signs are reserved for where there is either no or very restricted visibility at the junction.

FB will arrange an inspection of signage at the junction.

FB to consider how traffic speed can be reduced on the Broughton Road approach to Cosby where repeated accidents are occurring on the 60mph approach bend adjacent to Shuttleworth Lane

3. Improved 7.5 tonne weight restriction signs & locations

Weight restriction signs "legislatively" can only be installed on the entry to the weight restricted "zone". No additional signs can be installed within the zone.

FB to send the "Network Map" through to CPC

Other Parish authorities have implemented a pseudo "lorry watch" (photo's / records registration plate and / or haulier) for reporting to the Police or Highway Authority.

4. Double yellow lines outside Co-op to allow buses to stop there safely and discourage private vehicles stopping on the bus stop.

FB to examine and potentially install a Bus Stop Clearway at this location and seek to maximise the deterrent by the physical location of the box.

Bus Stop Clearways have better enforcement powers than yellow lines and can be enforced by a County Highway Enforcement Camera car.

5. Restricted parking - subject to consultation with residents, residents only parking from Bunning Hall to outside St Michael and All Angels Church area.

A restricted parking option (Single yellow line on both sides of the road) may be an option (day time only) but would need a public consultation @ £7,500.

CPC to consider whether to take forward and consider Croft Road around local shops.

6. Reduction of traffic speed on all arterial roads entering Cosby (Croft Road, Narborough Road, Broughton Road, Countesthorpe Rd, Cambridge Rd)

Introduction of 20mph zones in sensitive areas i.e. The Nook, Main Street, Croft Road (residential / school zones) and Narborough Road, (primary school walking route)

Rumble strips cannot be installed within 500 metres of a residential properties and are not deliverable at this location.

FB does not have “reportable injury” accident data for Cosby from the Police as most are likely single vehicle accidents.

- Criteria for accident investigations is 7 incidents under LCC policy as one the lowest levels for a highway authority.

FB is unable to support a 30mph for the remaining 40mph stretch of Cambridge Road but will consider as, if and when the Hewitt Sports Turf residential development comes on stream.

- 600 metres is the guide distance between speed limit adjustments.

Potential 20mph zones within Cosby need to be “self-enforcing” with an existing mean speed of 24 mph or less. Police will not enforce on a 20mph zone. Speed reading surveys need to be undertaken within targeted areas but subject to public consultation, 20mph may be deliverable within the village centre of Cosby coordinating the monitoring strip installations.

FB to investigate the introduction of a 20mph on Croft Road outside of the Croft Road school in regards to planning permissions. LP to source planning application and forward to FB.

FB to explore what “speed influencing measures” could be applied on the Broughton Road (Shuttleworth Lane junction) approach to Cosby but moving the 30mph sign further out of the village is not the solution.

7. One-way system on Main Street Cosby, possibly starting at Chiltern Avenue - how to go about this, parish sponsored community consultation first.

First step is the traffic survey data which will identify whether a one-way system is feasible / practical without negatively affecting road capacity and traffic flow. This can be tied into the Traffic Survey Strips in **action point 1**

A **micro-simulation survey** would then be required to firm-up the traffic flows and proposals but will incur an est: £30,000 cost.