

Traffic group report for August 2019

On July 15 Councillors Harris and Hassett attended the Community Area Transport Group meeting in Amesbury. Some requests for improvements were put forward, the outcome of these was as follows:

A revision of the signage around the Rollestone crossroads to direct westbound traffic south (signage 'All Other Routes') towards the Visitor Centre and emphasise the 'No Military Vehicles' directive. The Traffic Engineer felt the existing signage was adequate but agreed to consider a revision.

Request for additional 'horse riders' signage on B3086 between the double bend and the byway that passes behind the grain silos. The Traffic Engineer explained that signs could not be added between the existing 'horse riders for ¼ mile' signs, the opinion was expressed that the easternmost sign was too far out. The Traffic Engineer said that this would be reviewed (since the CATG meeting a member of the traffic group had checked the distances involved and it would appear that '1/4 mile' is short of the actual distance).

'Pedestrians in road' signage on B3083. The Traffic Engineer explained that it was obvious that pavements were not present on the B3083 and drivers should behave accordingly, general policy was that 'Pedestrians in Road' signage would not be provided under these circumstances as it is quite common in Wiltshire to find roads without pavements.

Change of 'Except for Access' to 'Except for Loading' on B3083. This has proved more complicated than expected. The regulations require that where signage is part of a street lighting scheme then signs will be illuminated by their own lamps. The weight limit sign on the southern side of the B3083 does not have any illumination, although the pole does have an enlarged base which would imply an electrical supply is provided. As the illumination is required regardless of whether the change is implemented or not the electrical work will be carried out under the maintenance budget; a decision will be made by the Parish Council on whether to proceed with the change 'Except for Loading' at the August Parish Council meeting.

Missing 50MPH terminal sign.

The absence of the 50MPH terminal sign on the A360 to the south of Shrewton was again brought to the attention of the local Wiltshire Council Technical Services Officer, he stated that the sign had been replaced but was advised this was not the case; he replied that it would be replaced 'in due course'

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A360 / B3083 road markings not correctly reinstated.

The A360 in the area of the B3083 was recently resurfaced. Following this work the white lines should have been reinstated 'as found' but this has not occurred. This was also brought to the attention of the local Wiltshire Council Technical Services Officer, he asked us to write to him with a cc to the Wiltshire Council Highways Principal Technical Officer – this has been done.

London Road.

The works have now been completed and a review of whether they are successful in reducing traffic speeds will be carried out in a couple of months.

A 'substantive bid' application is underway to try and obtain build-outs in the London Road. This has been counter-signed by the Area Board Chairman and will now be submitted for review.

Traffic volume. From 2 July to 4 August 150,125 vehicles transited the London Road. The average speed was 30.4 MPH, with an 85th percentile speed of 35.6 MPH i.e. 15% of vehicles (22,517) were exceeding 35.6 MPH. The maximum speed recorded was 78 MPH.

This concludes the traffic group report.