

Highway Improvement Request Form – Devizes Road

1. Introduction

The Parish Council has received a Highway Improvement Request Form from a resident of Devizes Road, requesting a pair of white village gates on the approach to the village from the direction of Sandy Lane. The resident has requested the gates to encourage drivers to slow down.

A copy of the Highway Improvement Request Form is attached to this paper.

2. Background

The Devizes Road is covered by a 40mph speed limit from just before 37 Devizes Road (Loxwell Farm), the first house approaching from the direction of Sandy Lane.

The Devizes Road is straight and heads downhill in the direction of the Lansdowne Arms, factors which contribute towards the issue of speeding. A speed survey undertaken in 2017 recorded an 85thile speed of 52.1mph. Deployment of a Speed Indicator Device on the Devizes Road by the Parish Council has recorded 85thile speeds of 46.7 to 49.0mph:

Devizes Road Northbound (40mph):

Date	01Jul25 to 29Aug25	12Nov24 to 31Jan25	23Nov23 to 22Jan24	30Aug22 to 03Nov22	Speed Survey 2017
Avg speed mph	41.2	41.2	41.3	41.8	45.4
85 th ile speed mph	46.7	47.2	47.5	49.0	52.1
Max speed mph	120.6	102.3	100.2	101.2	not recorded

The Parish Council has previously promoted improvement measures through Calne Area LHFIG. A minor scheme to reinforce the Speed Limit was completed in early 2024, which comprised the following work:

- Refreshed 40mph and Derry Hill signage at the gateway point to the 40mph limit.
- Refreshed gateway treatment – roundel and yellow approach stripes.
- Refreshed and additional 40mph repeaters, roundels and SLOW markings.

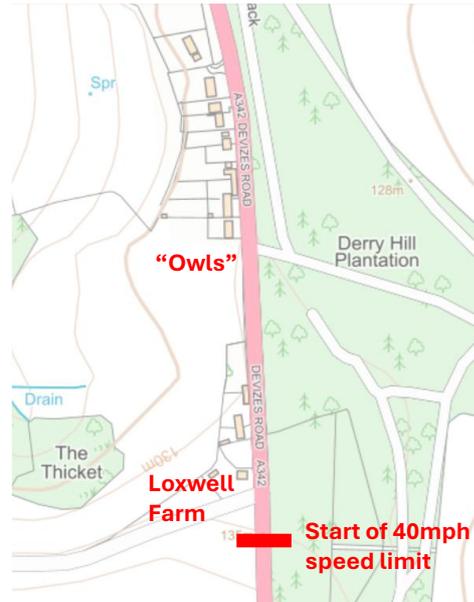
3. Discussion

White village gates are a recognised method of moderating driver behaviour approaching and passing through settlements. Over the past few years, the parish has promoted the installation of white gates for Sandy Lane, Pewsham and Old Derry Hill.

The Highway Improvement Request Form has proposed that the white gates be sited next to Owls (34 Devizes Road), near the exit from Bowood Hotel.

This might arguably be a better location for a village gateway, as, heading northbound, there is a gap between the first three properties (35-37 Devizes Road) and the next cluster.

However, it would be unhelpful to establish competing village gateways, so a better location for the gates would be to reinforce the existing village gateway comprising the 40mph speed limit signage and Derry Hill place-name signage before Loxwell Farm (37 Devizes Road).



4. Discussion

It is recommended that Council endorses the Highway Improvement Request Form and submits it to Calne Area LHFIF with a request for white village gates to reinforce the village gateway on the Devizes Road at the start of the 40mph speed limit.

Cllr John Barnes
21st February 2026

Appendix – Copy of Highway Improvement Request Form (received 8th February 2026)



Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

Name:	*** redacted ***	Date:	8 February 2026
Address:	*** redacted ***, Devizes Road, Derry Hill		
Telephone No:	*** redacted ***		
Email Address:	*** redacted ***		

Issue Details

Location of Issue:	Entering village sign, approaching from Sandy Lane on the Devizes Road by The Owls house		
Community Area:	Calne		
Parish or Town Council:	Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council		
Nature of Issue:			
We have a Derry Hill sign upon entering the village on the Devizes Road. I am requesting White gates like the ones entering Old Derry Hill. I believe this will encourage drivers to slow down as the white gates will make it obvious that you are entering the village. Although the road is a 40mph cars travel down the hill at speed.			
How long has it been an issue?	N/A		
What would you like done to resolve this issue?			
White gates to be installed by the Derry Hill sign on the Devizes Road next to Owls. I have been in touch with John Barnes who i have copied this form to.			
Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor? (Yes/No)	No		

This form needs to be completed and e-mailed or sent to your local Town or Parish Council.

Town and Parish contact details are available via the link below:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx>

Town or Parish Council Comments: (To be completed by Town or Parish Council only)