

# Highways Improvement Request Form

## Contact Details

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## Issue Details

<b>Location of Issue:</b>	Old Road
<b>Community Area:</b>	Calne
<b>Parish or Town Council:</b>	Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council
<b>Nature of Issue:</b>	
<p>The eastern area of Studley (approximately 60 homes or 8% of the population) is isolated from Studley Village and Derry Hill by the absence of any safe walking route.</p> <p>For those residents in Studley, Old Road represents the most direct route to reach the local school, churches and chapels, shop and post office and village hall in Derry Hill.</p> <p>In reverse it is the direct route from Derry Hill to the community facilities in the east namely the Football Club and the Black Dog Pub and Restaurant.</p> <p>Old road is a public highway over which the public is entitled to travel on foot, horseback or pedal cycle and by wheeled vehicles of all kinds.</p> <p>Whilst it has all the characteristics of a Public Right of Way it doesn't attract the attention or maintenance requirements of a Public Right of Way.</p> <p>These maintenance requirements are not extensive and relate to maximising the available width of parts of the carriageway that gets reduced by the hedgerows shedding their growth. This shedding creates verges that in turn provide a place for further vegetal growth, particularly nettles, reducing the carriageway width</p> <p>The hedgerows themselves expand and reduce width</p> <p>The Parish Council has an Objective to engage with the community to promote walking, running, cycling and horse riding associated with footpaths and Rights Way. Old Road can act as a link between DST 4, 73 and 2A to further this aim.</p> <p>Notwithstanding that it is a vital link for our community going about their daily lives</p> <p>However it is not a safe environment without maintenance and its suitability as a walking route is diminished encouraging greater use of vehicles to access the school, shop and village hall etc.</p>	
<b>How long has it been an issue?</b>	Historic situation
<b>What would you like done to resolve this issue?</b>	

To promote the Parish Councils objective, designate Old Road as a Quiet Lane under The Quiet Lanes and Home Zones Regulations (England) 2006. Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads which have been designated by local highway authorities to pay special attention to the needs of walkers, cyclists, horse riders and other vulnerable road users thus providing them with an opportunity to use and enjoy our country lane in greater safety.

Erect suitable signage informing the community of the status, and hence importance, of Old Road to the Community. Develop an schedule of regular Highway maintenance with Wiltshire Council.

<b>Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor?</b> (Yes/No)	No
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<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx>

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

