

## Road Safety and LHFIG Update

### 1. Background

The purpose of this report is to update Council on various Road Safety Issues, including matters arising from the latest meeting of the Calne Area Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### 2. Update on Projects

#### 2.1 Finalised Costs for Completed Schemes

Costs have been finalised for the following two completed schemes within our parish:

- Old Derry Hill Village Gates and Signs
- Studley 20mph Speed Limit Implementation.

The outcome is a net saving of £294.93 to the committed parish contribution, as detailed below:

Scheme	Approved Parish Contribution	Final Estimate	Revised Parish Contribution	Change in Parish Contribution
Old Derry Hill – village gates & signs	30% of £7,107.63 = £2,132.29	£8,342.42	£2,502.73	+£370.44
Studley 20mph implementation	30% of £9,000 = £2,700	£6,782.09	£2,034.63	-£665.37

*It is recommended that:*

- Authorisation for the Old Derry Hill Village Gates and Signs scheme is increased by £370.44 to £2,502.73.
- Authorisation for the Studley 20mph Speed Limit Implementation scheme is reduced by £665.37 to £2,034.63.

#### 2.2 Devizes Road White Gates

At its meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Council endorsed a request from a resident for the installation of a set of white village gates on the A342 Devizes Road entering the village: (<https://derryhillandstudley-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Highway-Improvement-Request-Devizes-Road.pdf>). The request was submitted to Calne Area LHFIG.

At its meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> April, LHFIG supported the request and agreed to fund 70% of the estimated cost of £4,500, subject to ratification by Area Board.

Council is asked to ratify the parish contribution of 30% of the estimated cost, at £1,350.

*It is recommended that Council authorises the estimated parish contribution of £1,350 towards the installation of a pair of white village gates on the A342 Devizes Road, approaching from Sandy Lane; to be funded from CIL Reserve.*

### 2.3 Derry Hill Traffic Calming Scheme

An update on this was provided to the LHFIG Meeting, as follows:

“Construction has slipped 1 week in the programme and will now commence on 18th May, for a duration of approximately 4 weeks.

“Major Maintenance will be undertaking reactive patching work, but are unable to fit this in to their programme until after the calming measures are installed.

“Consequently, we may have to defer some of the surface treatments we have planned until the patching work has been completed. All parties are in discussion to minimise disruption for residents and to avoid duplication of work.”

It was added that the team scheduled to undertake the work are currently working on a scheme in Trowbridge, which has hit delays. This may push the start date back further.

### 2.4 Studley Traffic Calming Scheme

A draft decision on this year’s Substantive Highways Scheme Funding bids has been published and can be viewed here: <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s247642/HSSF-17-26%20-%20Appendix%202.pdf>.

The Studley Traffic Calming Scheme was ranked 10<sup>th</sup> out of 11, with the top 5 being funded.

The following points were noted:

- The unsuccessful bids are closely grouped and are sensitive to the scoring. If the Studley Scheme had been assessed with a benefit score of just 3 points higher (i.e. 15 rather than 12), then it would have qualified for funding.
- The assessed benefit score of 12 compares poorly with the 39 points scored last year by the Derry Hill Scheme and the 41 points scored by the scheme for the Shared Use Path.
- The Studley Traffic Calming Scheme is the only unsuccessful scheme that could be fully funded by the unallocated budget of £40,014.

Representations have been submitted to the Cabinet Member for Highways before the final publication of the decision.

*Assuming that the appeal is unsuccessful, it is recommended that £5,000 shall continue to be reserved against this scheme, and LHFIG asked to re-submit it as a bid for the 2026-27 Substantive Highway Scheme Funding.*

## **3. LHFIG Funding for 2026/27**

Funding for Calne Area LHFIG for 2026/27 has been confirmed at £12,465, which is approximately half of previous years. With carry-over of unspent funds, the opening balance for 2026/27 is £14,508.11.

The budget reduction is concerning, as Calne Area LHFIG has been successful in spending its allocated budget each year, and the reduction will leave LHFIG less able to support the seven town and parish councils within the area in addressing road safety issues.

*It is recommended that Council write to the Cabinet Member for Highways, Streetscene, and Flooding to express concern about the budget reductions and to request that the budget be match-funded with Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money as in previous years.*

#### 4. Speed Survey Results

The results of the speed surveys requested by Council are as follows:

Location:	<b>A4 Studley Crossroads</b>	<b>A342 Old Derry Hill</b>	<b>Old Road</b>
What3Words location:	///grins.glorious.repeats	///brother.miss.branching	///printouts.hazy.survived
Date:	4-12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	4-12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	4-12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Speed Limit	<b>40mph</b>	<b>40mph</b>	<b>20mph</b>
Avg speed mph	38.77mph	37.53mph	19.09mph
85 <sup>th</sup> ile speed mph	43.12mph	42.46mph	23.30 mph

Wiltshire Council's intervention thresholds are as follows:

	<b>No Further Action</b>	<b>CSW &amp; SID</b>
<b>20 mph limit</b>	85 <sup>th</sup> ile speed up to 23.9 mph	85 <sup>th</sup> ile speed 24.0 mph and over
<b>30 mph limit</b>	85 <sup>th</sup> ile speed up to 34.9 mph	85 <sup>th</sup> ile speed 35.0 mph and over
<b>40 mph limit</b>	85 <sup>th</sup> ile speed up to 45.9 mph	85 <sup>th</sup> ile speed 46.0 mph and over

None of the survey results support the deployment of a Speed Indicator Device or the establishment of a Community Speedwatch scheme.

#### 5. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- Authorisation for the Old Derry Hill Village Gates and Signs scheme is increased by £370.44 to £2,502.73.
- Authorisation for the Studley 20mph Speed Limit Implementation scheme is reduced by £665.37 to £2,034.63.
- Council authorises the estimated parish contribution of £1,350 towards the installation of a pair of white village gates on the A342 Devizes Road; to be funded from CIL Reserve.

- That £5,000 shall continue to be reserved against the Studley Traffic Calming Scheme, and LHFIFG asked to re-submit it as a bid for the 2026-27 Substantive Highway Scheme Funding.
- That Council write to the Cabinet Member for Highways, Streetscene, and Flooding to express concern about the LHFIFG budget reductions and to request that the budget be match-funded with CIL money as in previous years.

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2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026