

Highways Improvement Request Form

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Issue Details

Location of Issue:	Norley Lane, Old Road and A4
Community Area:	Calne
Parish or Town Council:	Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council
Nature of Issue:	
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. The three routes Norley Lane, Old Road and the A4 all have hazardous aspects for walkers, cyclists and riders. Studley is on the North side of the A4, the public right of way and footpath route means crossing the A4 at its junction with Old Road on Black Dog Hill by the Black Dog Pub. The speed limit on the A4 is 50mph without any designated crossing point or signage warning of pedestrians. 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. For those residents in east 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. 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. There are no road signs or road markings on any of these routes to warn motorists, motorcyclists or commercial vehicles of the presence of walkers, cyclists and riders and there is no designated crossing point on the A4 on the eastern side of Studley. Old Road is signed as prohibited to motorised vehicles except for access, at its junction with Studley Lane, however a recent speed survey showed the 85%ile speed (24.9mph) is more than the speed limit. Old Road is also a link between the public rights of way DST 4, 73 and 2A attracting walkers and riders to the route. The suitability of walking routes is diminished if there is sense of danger in their use, which there is without appropriate signage or a safe crossing point on the A4 All walking routes being inherently unsafe isolates the east Studley community from their local facilities and encourages the use of vehicles for short local journeys which in turn creates unnecessary traffic in Derry Hill, exacerbating issues associated with the school and church.	
How long has it been an issue?	Historic situation

What would you like done to resolve this issue?

To promote the Parish Councils objective, enhance the signage at the Church Road end of Old Road to emphasise the care needed by vehicles using the road for access.

White line the edge of the A4 from Crewes Cottages to the crossroads providing a narrowing effect

Erect warning signs on all routes emphasising the presents of pedestrians and children, cyclists and riders

Wiltshire Council to employ their experience and knowledge to identify a scheme of improvements on the highlighted routes that will induce a sense of safety in their uses by pedestrians and cyclists.

All improvements will demonstrate the Council is paying attention to the needs of walkers, cyclists, horse riders and other vulnerable road users, providing them with an opportunity to use and enjoy our country lanes in greater safety.

Erect suitable signage informing the community of the status, and hence importance, of Old Road to the Community.

Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor? (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)

