Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council
9th November 2026

Road Safety Working Group Update

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update Council on road safety matters, including the LHFIG (Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group) meeting of 16th October.

The report covers the following subjects:

- Completed projects.
- Derry Hill Traffic Calming Scheme.
- Studley Traffic Calming Scheme.
- Recently submitted Highway Improvement Request Forms.
- A3102 Safer Roads Project.
- New process for 20mph speed limit requests.

2. Completed Projects

Devizes Road Whites Gates

These were installed in October, following a delay caused by the discovery of a water main leak. This required a return visit to install the gate on the east verge.

Outstanding Payments

We are awaiting final invoicing for the following previously completed schemes:

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

3. Derry Hill Traffic Calming Scheme

Following complaints received in respect of the strips of granite setts by the war memorial (https://derryhillandstudley-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Road-Safety-Working-Group-Update-14Sep26.pdf), a site meeting was held on 25th September with Wiltshire Highways and our Wiltshire Councillor, Ashley O'Neill, who has been very helpful. The Parish Council made it clear that we believe the strips should be removed.

We have subsequently received an email from the Interim Director of Assets, Highways & Transport, setting out Wiltshire Council's proposed approach. This is to undertake further speed monitoring to determine whether the feature is achieving its intended purpose of

reducing vehicle speeds. Once the monitoring and evaluation have been completed, a decision on the future of the rumble strips will be made in the New Year. The intention of this is to ensure that Wiltshire Council can take an evidence-based decision, taking account of both the effectiveness of the measures and any impact on nearby properties.

The Parish Council (and neighbouring residents) has subsequently questioned whether the rumble strips comply with Section 6 of the Highways (Traffic Calming) Regulations 1999 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1999/1026/regulation/6/made). This states:

> *6. Where a rumble device is constructed or maintained in a highway–*
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> *(a) no vertical face of any material forming that device shall exceed 6 millimetres measured vertically from top to bottom of that face; and,*
> *(b) no part of the device shall be more than 15 millimetres above the surface of the carriageway.*

We are waiting a response to this query. If, as appears to be the case, the strips contravene secondary legislation, then the effectiveness (or otherwise) of them would seem to be irrelevant.

4. Studley Traffic Calming Scheme

As agreed at our September meeting, the Parish Council has requested that the Studley Traffic Calming scheme be re-submitted as a fresh bid for Substantive Highway Scheme Funding.

This will be progressed by LHFIG, but it has been agreed that Highways would first re-design the scheme to remove the single "Stylesett" strips proposed at four locations in the scheme. The scheme will also be re-estimated accordingly.

This is unlikely to be completed for a scheme to be re-submitted for the next Bid round (deadline end of November), but should be ready for the first of next year's two rounds.

5. Highway Improvement Request Forms

LHFIG has received and accepted the following Highway Improvement Request Forms:

Location	Request	Endorsed by DH&S PC at
Old Derry Hill	Measures to make the transition from the A342 to the old road more obvious	July meeting
Studley Lane	Request for double yellow lines	July meeting
A4 Norley Lane and Old Road	Request for measures to promote active travel	July meeting
A4 at Eastern Terminal of 50mph Speed Limit	Request for white gates	September meeting

A site meeting is to be arranged to review all four with the Highways Officer and our Wiltshire Councillor.

6. New 20mph Speed Limit Process

Wiltshire Council has introduced a new process for 20mph Speed Limits:

- 20mph speed restriction requests will not be referred to the LHFIG but will be directed to the Traffic Engineering Team where the assessment process will be centrally managed.

- The level of assessment required will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Traffic Engineering Team. Where requests are made for 20mph restrictions in residential areas in urban or village settings, the criteria is likely to be met and additional data collection is unlikely to be needed. However, requests for 20mph restrictions on key urban or rural routes are likely to require additional data to be collected to determine whether the criteria is met.

- The costs associated with any data collection will be met centrally along with the Traffic Regulation Order costs associated with implementation of 20mph speed limits. In order to limit costs, TRO's over a wider area will be preferred. The cost of implementation of the physical speed limit change, for example associated signs and road markings, will need to be borne by the respective Town or Parish Council.

7. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Report be noted.

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