

**AVEBURY TRANSPORT GROUP EXHIBITION AT THE KENNET VALLEY HALL**

**25 MAY 2018:**

**SUMMARY RECORD OF YELLOW POST-IT NOTES**

**STATISTICS**

- ❖ 45 signed in as attending (+ X not signed in) + at least 5 members of Avebury and of West Overton and Fyfield Parish Councils + 2 Wiltshire Councillors = **well over 50 attended**
- ❖ **39 Post-It Notes** collected and one extended comment on A4

<i>NUMBERS FOR EACH ISSUE</i>		
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**A. IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY ON THE A4**

- Please include **the whole of the WHS** so that traffic calming can be applied on the A4 from east of West Overton.
- **The Sanctuary** is a great danger area: counter-measures might include signage or bollards.
- Blind bend at **West Overton by The Bell**: very dangerous exit from side road because of excessive speeds on the A4.
- **50 m.p.h. limit** should be applied from Clatford/Fyfield to Beckhampton: too many turns and hills on the A4 for higher speeds.
- **Lower speeds on the A4** would help vehicles exiting East Kennett in both directions.
- **Enforcement matters**: without it, speed limits are likely to be ignored.

**B. BECKHAMPTON**

- A **40 m.p.h. speed limit** approaching Beckhampton would be a start with those inclined to ignore the limit being slowed by those who are not.
- A **crossing** at the Waggon and Horses defined by a differentiated surface material was proposed by Ben Hamilton-Baillie.

**C. WEST KENNETT**

- **Limit use** of the **B4003 to cyclists, walkers, and farm traffic.**
- **Restrict access** (perhaps by gates) to the B4003 so that lorries and buses cannot use it (comment **supported by three others**).
- Make it **one-way**: it is too narrow for today's traffic.
- The Avenue is a **vital link** for neighbouring communities needing to access the church, shops, and pub in Avebury and beyond e.g. the Great Western Hospital. Closing the Avenue would be "a sledgehammer to crack a nut". It would oblige drivers to detour via Beckhampton adding significant extra time and miles especially if using the route several times a day.
- West Overton residents use the Avenue to access Avebury's shop, National Trust office, pub and post office and closure would inconvenience them. **Double yellow lines** along the length of the Avenue, restricted access at both ends, and possibly a 30 m.p.h. speed limit would help.
- Closing the B4003 is "demented". Properly policed, a **width and weight restriction** "would solve the problem, if that is what it is."
- **The absence of signage** at either end of the B4003 already discourages use by the majority.
- **"There must be a better way** to calm the A4 than closing the Avenue ... which has been there for centuries."
- The Avenue has been a **thoroughfare in modern times** longer than it has been a Heritage Site and should not be closed.
- Is there **evidence** of how long the Avenue has been a public right of way?

**D. TRUSLOE**

- **Increased traffic between Beckhampton and Avebury** makes it very difficult to pull out safely from Trusloe.
- **Caravans parked** permanently on open ground.

**E. PARKING IN AVEBURY HIGH STREET**

- **Village car park** badly maintained and poor bay markings especially for disabled; overnight camping should be permitted.
- Insufficient **enforcement**.
- Village car park too often filled by vehicles **without blue badges or green permits** inconveniencing those supporting local businesses and the post office.

**F. GREEN STREET**

- Support application of the **Traffic Regulation Order** as suggested in 2016 and better **signage**: good ideas.
- **Track east** from Mr Farthing's barns on Green Street is very muddy throughout the winter.

**G. FOOTPATHS**

- Buried **footpath between Manton and West Overton** – could landowners and council to take steps to clear?
- **FP22** (between Bray Street and Church Walk, Avebury) urgently needs attention.

**H. OTHER**

- “It is the National Trust and English Heritage who encourage visitors to our WHS so these bodies should take more responsibility.”
- Has the National Trust considered reducing **the cost of using its car park** to encourage use?
- Make **West Overton safer**: introduce a 20 m.p.h. speed limit within the village.
- 30 m.p.h. speed limit on the Swindon road (A4361) should be pushed further north.
- “Reflect **the character of the settlements**. What does that mean?”
- **Counter-measures on A4361** have not been successful and should be reassessed.
- Pot holes in **Bray Street, Avebury** need attention.
- **Cyclists** often moving too fast e.g. on Bray Street, Avebury: hazard for elderly and small children.
- **Bus shelters** in Avebury are vital especially as the village is on the Heritage Route from Swindon to Salisbury.
- **Roadside grass and hedges** need to be cut back in Avebury to allow drivers a chance to see pedestrians neglectful of the fact that a major road runs through the site.

30 May 2018