

RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING TRANSPORT EXHIBITION FROM TRANSPORT GROUP FOR AVEBURY
PARISH COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

The Avebury Parish Council (APC) Exhibition on 7 March gathered input from over 50 individuals. The recommendations for action that the Transport Group will make to APC are outlined below in italics.

1. The Next Steps

- a. *The Transport Group welcomed the public's input at the Exhibition and agreed to collect more information at APC's Annual Parish Meeting on 24 April and at a meeting in the near future for nearby villages at the Kennet Valley Hall at Lockeridge.*

2. Trusloe

- a. Yellow lines. A request was made at the Exhibition for double yellow lines but an earlier survey was overwhelmingly against implementation. *We propose no action.*
- b. 20 mph speed limit request. *We are sympathetic but need evidence if we are to ask Wiltshire Council to consider imposing a speed limit.*
- c. Speed on the A4361 and safety on exiting. *See 6 (a) below.*

3. Green Street

- a. Surface condition throughout. *We will report this to Wiltshire Council.*
- b. Damaged verge, north-east quadrant. *Reported to Wiltshire Council February 2018; Wiltshire Council agreed with the National Trust that the Trust would lead on countermeasures. We will press for action.*
- c. Cars 'exploring' the road and having to turn back. *In October 2016 we formally supported the Avebury World Heritage Site Steering Committee which wrote to Wiltshire Council requesting a Traffic Regulation Order to close the Ridgeway to all motorised vehicles, except those needing access. This would effectively make Green Street a cul-de-sac. We will press Wiltshire Council for a response.*
- d. Signage. *Request to change wording at head of the road to "Cul-de-sac: residents parking only" or words to that effect. We will raise this with Wiltshire Council.*

4. Footpaths

- a. Signage. *APC has committed £1,000 to kick-start action from an ongoing discussion between Wiltshire Highways, WHS, NT and APC to improve signage in WHS.*
- b. Stiles. *We warmly appreciate local farmers' prompt action in response to our requests to repair stiles.*
- c. Dog fouling on footpaths. *At our request Wiltshire Council's dog warden has visited and advised on signage. We have inserted a notice*

in the Upper Kennet News and will take further action as the need arises.

- d. Provision of footpaths and cycleways on the A4361 between Avebury and Berwick Bassett. *We will report this to Wiltshire Council.*
- e. Condition of FP22 between Church Lane and Bray Street. *We have reported this to Wiltshire Council, and we understand that work will be undertaken in 2019.*

5. High Street Avebury

- a. Signage at car park entrance should indicate availability of High Street car park for use by shoppers from neighbouring villages as well as local residents and the disabled. *We will ask the National Trust to act.*
- b. Yellow lines. *We will invite High Street residents' views on whether they want yellow lines.*
- c. Enforcing village parking permits during solstice. *We will draw the attention of Wiltshire's parking enforcement department and the police to this request.*

6. Traffic speeds on the A4 at West Kennett and Beckhampton and future of the Avenue (B4003)

- a. Calming the A4 at Beckhampton and W Kennett. The WHS Transport Strategy calls for an integrated scheme of improvements at Sanctuary, West Kennett, Silbury Hill, Beckhampton and Knoll Down. We agree that an integrated scheme will bring greatest safety and amenity benefits for the Parish as a whole. The Plan includes implementation of footpaths, road carriageway narrowing and safe crossing places for inhabitants, and for modifications of the roundabout at Beckhampton, to slow traffic in all directions within the hamlets of West Kennett and Beckhampton. Implementation of a 40mph speed limit through to Avebury Trusloe from the roundabout should follow these modifications. This could be initiated quite soon with a meeting with Wilts council. Narrowing the A4 between The Bell and Sanctuary will bring benefits for residents in Fyfield and West Overton Parish, and traffic calming at Silbury Hill will bring benefits for many visitors. *We have at this stage asked Wiltshire Council to commission design work for Beckhampton and we aim to request completion of the design for W Kennett.*
- b. The Avenue. A consequence of the proposed road narrowing and works at W Kennett is that the A4 would no longer be wide enough to accommodate the ghost turning island into the Avenue. Removal of the ghost turning island necessitates the closure of the Avenue as its removal makes turning right dangerous. Wiltshire Highways will not implement the plans for W Kennett unless the Avenue is closed.

We received many comments on the future of the Avenue. For example, there were several requests for weight and width restrictions arising mainly from concern about damage to the verges allegedly from HGVs and PSVs and occasionally to passing vehicles.

In essence the arguments for closure relate to safety, archaeology, and A4 traffic calming at W Kennett. The arguments against closure were to do with access by farm and emergency vehicles and the convenience of commuters and those on school runs.

After very careful consideration we decided that we had to give priority to safety concerns and that the best way to handle them is by allowing the plans for West Kennett to go forward. In so doing we will make it clear that farm and emergency vehicles must continue to have access to the Avenue.

These are the Transport Group's recommendations to APC following the exhibition. Note that we will be seeking further inputs from local parishes in May or June when we plan to show the exhibition at Kennet Valley Hall. However we want to maintain the momentum established by the exhibition and look confidently to APC's early support.

POSSIBLE ACTION AGENDA

AREA	RECOMMENDATION	ACTION PROPOSED
Trusloe	Yellow lines	None
	20 m.p.h. limit	Need evidence
	A4361 speed limit	Install own speed indicator? Directly contact Wilts council to discuss introduction of a 40mph limit from roundabout past Avebury Trusloe
Green Street	Surface condition	Report to Wiltshire Council
	Damaged verge in Circle	Delegated to National Trust: APC asks NT to implement
	Cars 'exploring'	Follow up Oct 2016 TRO request to Wiltshire Council
	Signage	Ask Wiltshire Council to implement signage as per Transport Strategy p.42 ("Permit holders only past this point")
Footpaths	Signage	APC has committed £1,000 to progress ongoing discussion
	Dog fouling: Insert item in UKN and alert dog warden	Achieved; monitor impact
	Footpath provision Avebury to Berwick Bassett	Seek Wiltshire Council opinion
	FP22: work due FY 2019	Seek confirmation that will actually happen
High Street	Signage	Ask Wiltshire Council to implement signage as per Transport Strategy p.42 ("Permit holders only past this point")
	Yellow lines	Ask High Street residents' views
	Feral parking during solstice	Seek firmer enforcement
West	Safety implications of	Progress proposals agreed by

Kennett/Beckhampton	excessive speed on A4	APC to develop relevant plans
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