

Correspondence for September 2022 HRP Meeting

13.1 from, person re elms

Please describe the problem (such as Overgrown Tree, Litter etc) : Extreme pruning of shrubs at The Elms, which have now resulted in plants died or dying - Please advise tenants not to do this unless they have authority to so.

Address /Location of problem : 5 The Elms
Bridge Street

13.2 from resident re Fairfield road

Hi Eileen

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> Hope you are well

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> Approx 445 pm today a large articulated lorry came down Fairfield and has ripped a huge branch off of a tree opposite Coopers Close with his trailer.

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> I went out to try and help clear the road as it was covered in branches, twigs and leaves but before I got there he had already thrown a lot of these in to the hedge row adjacent to the river.....I'm not sure if this will have any implications for flooding when the river starts flowing again?

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> I managed to help the driver drag the huge branch on to the pavement but it needs clearing. If some idiot decides to push it into the road there could be a serious accident if a car hits it, esp at night when it's completely dark on that stretch of road.

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> Can the council arrange for it to be moved urgently please?

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> There are also several other large branches overhanging the road in that area which are waiting to be sheared off by lorries which I feel need to be trimmed back.

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> Is it possible Eileen for lorries to be banned from coming down Fairfield Road? It's not wide enough for them and with more people about from the Castle Keep development and more people parking down that road to avoid parking charges, it really is getting dangerous

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> Many thanks as always for your help

FOR AGENDA ITEM 7 – reduction in speed limits response from SCC

Hi James,

Guidance on how SCC sets different speed limits can be found at:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/traffic-management-and-road-safety/Speed-Limit-Policy.pdf>

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/traffic-management-and-road-safety/20mph-Speed-Limit-Policy-Criteria.pdf>

You'll see there are sets of criteria that need to be met to justify a new speed limit. You'll also need the support of your local County Councillor.

Of the 3 areas you have mentioned:

- 20mph on B1119 Saxtead Road – our policy doesn't allow 20's on A or B roads unless there are exceptional circumstances
- Extend the 30 from Fram to Saxtead – this would fail to meet criteria as there is far too much open countryside whereby drivers would struggle to comply
- 20mph in the town centre – can you define the boundary and allow us to decide where to carry out a series of speed surveys to see if the criteria are met? The cost for surveys, assessments, drafting reports, carrying out designs and statutory public consultation on a new Traffic Regulation Order and carrying out works would all need a local funding source such as Town precept or grants the Town Council can secure. This could be costly.

Regards

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