

14 HRP Correspondence November 2022

14.1 RE SPEEDING VIC MILL ROAD

Dear Town Council

I live at 32 Victoria Mill Road and look out over the green when working from home. During the recently in place 2 sets of temporary traffic lights around the town there was a noticeable increase in traffic volume up and down the road for those drivers finding alternative routes, to avoid the delay in travelling through the town. This usually happens when there are temporary traffic lights along the main road through town however because there were two sets it was worse than usual.

I noticed that there were several speeding vehicles on the 'straight' section past the D that has sharp corners at either end. I have since noted that the 30 mph reminder has been knocked off its post along this stretch of road and is resting on top of the hedge near it.

Firstly, who should be informed that this sign is damaged and needs replacing if not the town council?

Secondly, I know there are speed monitors placed around the town, is there any chance a monitor can be placed along this straight to reduce the speed of vehicles on what is becoming a regular rat run for impatient drivers unable to queue at the temporary lights when they're in place,?

Please don't wait until a serious accident occurs before looking this. With the parents and toddlers who walk up the road every morning for the children's nursery I am concerned for their safety.

Kind regards

many thanks for your email. I'm sorry that you have become alarmed about traffic speeding along the lane, but many thanks for brining it to the town Council's attention. I will ask the highways Committee to consider this and your request for a speed indicator device along the stretch. The Town Council has to get permission from the Police and the highways authority before it is moved but, whilst it may take a while it is not impossible!

The broken 30mph sign also needs to be reported to Suffolk Highways. This is done 'on line' here: <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> and it is most effective if both residents and the Town Council report it. I will report it there myself this afternoon.

Please do keep me abreast if it it not fixed soon.

I recall you asked me about the street lamp. I have asked the contractors to look at it but do not have a date yet. As the clocks go back this weekend, if it is working correctly it should go off at midnight. If you are up after then over the next week, can you let me know if it is still on all night?

I will be in touch again with the Councillor's thoughts about the speed indicator device.

Yours