

Traffic Issues within the village of Portbury

Notes of the residents meeting held 2nd September 2014

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

The meeting was attended by twenty eight residents, a representative from Wraxall and Failand PC and five PPC councillors.

Traffic issues continue to be of great concern to residents and councillors alike. It was hoped that by identifying the main issues, representation could be made to NSC and Avon & Somerset Police to seek a feasible and enforceable solution to the residents' concerns.

Speeding

Location – Throughout the village

Suggestions;

Portbury Lane	Reducing the speed limit to 30mph
Sheepway	Reducing the speed limit to 30mph
High Street	Installation of raised 'table' speed bumps
Mill Lane	Installation of Zebra crossing
Portbury Lane/High Street	Installation of flashing speed indicator sign
Caswell Lane	Reducing the speed limit to 30mph
Portbury Lane Accidents	Review of road surface at the 'double bend' and updating accident counter

Parking

Location – Throughout the village

Due to its close proximity to the M5 motorway and the city of Bristol, Portbury village is used by many commuters as a place to leave their vehicles whilst they car share with others. This has led to residents being unable to park outside of their homes and, in some instances, being unable to safely drive their vehicles off their property as visibility and manoeuvring room has become limited. As residents acknowledge that the relatively recent installation of painted 'H' bars outside of certain properties has assisted, they would like to see more of this type of road marking throughout the village.

Suggestions;

Village

Pavements

Further 'H' bar road markings

It is appreciated that in certain circumstances, some vehicles do park with a wheel on the pavement to allow for a clear thoroughfare. However, where this causes an obvious obstruction to pedestrians a response from the police is called for.

General

It was suggested that residents could be provided with a 'Portbury Resident' sticker for their vehicles. A note could then be placed on vehicles not displaying this sticker, requesting that they show consideration to others whilst parking.

Yellow Box Markings

Location – A369/High Street Junction and A369/M5 Roundabout Junction

Several requests have been made to NSC regarding the reinstatement of the yellow painted box markings at the A369/High Street junction. Without it, drivers who wish to take the M5 (N) lane are hindered by the vehicles queuing in the M5 (S)/Portishead lane. Green light traffic flow would also be improved at the A369/M5 junction if a hatched area were to be painted there, as again this would allow vehicles wishing to use the M5 (N) free access instead of being blocked by queuing traffic wishing to use the M5 (S) or Portishead exits.

HGV Signage

This issue has been highlighted to NSC many times. Clear, concise and suitably placed signage is required. The location of the existing signs do not prevent HGVs entering the village, as they are only easily visible after drivers have committed to take the turn on the A369/High Street junction. Repairs to the damage caused by HGVs to property and pavements runs in to thousands of pounds.

Suggestions;

To Portbury Docks

A369/High Street Junction

Improved signs on the motorway exit slips

Visibility of 'No HGVs' signs closer to M5 Roundabout

Road Markings

Location – A369 and Jct 19 Roundabout

Suggestions;

Remove 'High Occupancy' Lane

Designate the current 'high occupancy' lane to traffic wishing to exit for Portbury and the M5 (S), and the current 'single occupancy' lane designated to traffic wishing to exit for Portbury Docks and M5(N).

Portbury High Street**Location – A369 traffic lights**

Although this junction is designated a 'no right turn' from Portbury, many drivers choose to ignore this instruction and by doing so, not only endanger themselves but other road users too.

Suggestions;

A physical barrier to prevent a 'right turn' manoeuvre being made.

The issues above are the major concerns of Portbury residents, several other thoughts and considerations were voiced during the meeting and these will be reviewed by the Council.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm