

PEDESTRIAN AND HIGHWAYS SAFETY PROJECT

Update: March 2025

1. Pedestrian crossing points

- The design of the crossing points needs to be finalised by Suffolk Highways by the end of March 2025 to secure the Active Travel Grant funding. The majority of the work for this was completed as part of the recent CIL bid – the team are working to finalise the plans.
- Over the years, residents have raised concerns about parked cars blocking the driveway between the Spar and Lily J's.
- An “H” mark on the road surface of the driveway adjacent to the Spar will be included in the project:



2. Virtual Footway

- A request was made to Suffolk Highways to consider a virtual footway from where the pavement ends on the “shop” side of Church Street to where it restarts near the Wilby Road junction.
- The Highways Safety Team have stated that permission would not be granted for this as there is a safe walking route on the other side of the road.
- The Active Travel Fund grant is being used in part to improve the crossing points on this section of the road, and therefore pedestrians should not be on the road.

3. Waiting restrictions – junction of Church Street and Queen Street

Motion

- a) Councillors to agree not to progress with painting “parking bays” in layby outside Spar (advice is that this may result in fewer parking spaces rather than improved parking).
- b) Councillors to approve the business case for the waiting restrictions at the junction of Church Street and Queen Street.
- c) Councillors to agree to submit the business case to Cllr Lloyd with a request that he submits this on behalf of the Parish Council to the Highways Team for consideration.

4. 40mph buffer zones

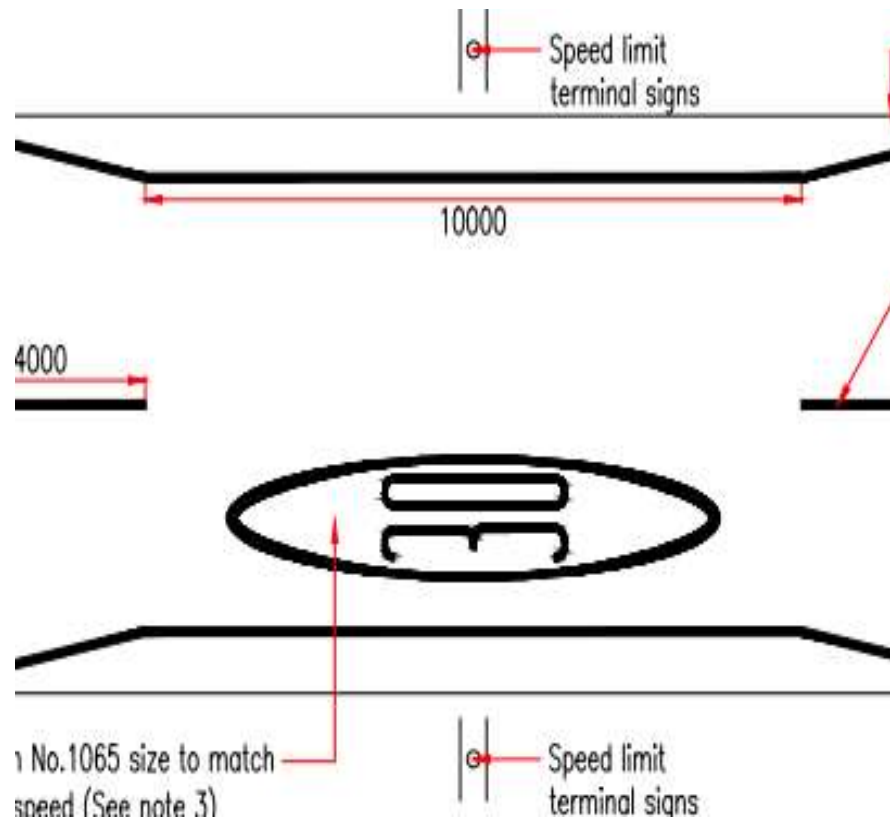
- Traffic surveys were undertaken at the end of January and the results have been reviewed.
- The 7-day average data shows that the % of vehicles entering the village travelling over 34mph is:

Location	Weekly total	7-day average	No. over 34 mph	% over 34 mph
Laxfield Road	7234	1033	532	51.5%
Queen Street	10,081	1440	274	19%
New Street	4156	594	10	1.7%
Wilby Road	3074	439	2	0.5%

- Suffolk's Policy on speed limits lays out the criteria for areas to be considered suitable for 40mph speed limits and includes guidance that the area must have:
 - Shops, schools, pubs etc
 - Significant development on both sides of the road
 - Collision history
 - Existing traffic speeds
 - Many junctions, bends and accesses
 - Existing, or provision for, pedestrian or cycling activity
- The Parish Council has been advised that it is unlikely that any of the roads would be considered suitable for 40mph speed limits; therefore an application is likely to be refused.
- The recommendation is that the Parish Council considers funding signage on the approach roads. The signs would be white wording on a blue background and would advise: "30mph limit, XXX yards ahead" (exact distance to be determined). In addition, SLOW would be painted on the road surface adjacent to signs. The cost of this would be approximately £1200 per location and would not require a traffic regulation order. These can be ordered as soon as the Parish Council reaches a decision.
- SID data will be monitored to determine effectiveness of the signs.

Motions

- a) Councillors to agree:
1. Which of the 4 approach road require the advisory signs:
 - a) Laxfield Road
 - b) Queen Street
 - c) New Street
 - d) Wilby Road
 2. That advisory signs should be ordered for the agreed areas, and that NP CIL funds should be used to fund them.
- b) Councillors to consider: requesting speed limit road markings to be painted at the village entrances at Laxfield Road and Queen Street (see pages 3 & 4). New STRADBROKE signs could also be purchased to replace the current rusty and faded signs – to be funded from the NP CIL budget set aside for village gateways.



CURRENT "STRADBROKE" SIGNS AT VILLAGE ENTRANCES:



New Street



Queen Street



Laxfield Road



Wilby Road – may not be enough room for larger sign.

EXAMPLE OF PROPOSED NEW SIGNAGE:

