

**Horsington Parish Council  
Residents Consultation  
Speeding Traffic & Proposed Traffic Calming Measures.  
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**Introduction.**

Residents have expressed concerns regarding increasing levels of speeding traffic on the approaches and through the village. These concerns include noisy speeding motor cyclists.

**Number of responses: 15** - 1 letter & 14 completed Questionnaires (Q)

**1. Do you think there is a problem with traffic speed in and approaching Horsington ?**

**Yes 5. No 10. Don't know 0.**

**a) If so, what speed limits should there be and where?**

**1 a) Responses:**

Q 2: We have no problem with speed or noise. Speeding through the village is virtually impossible.

Q3: No problems with speed or noise. Perhaps some residents have no concept of speed.

Q4: The only thing I would feel is acceptable is a 40mph limit prior to the 30mph limit on both the approaches on the B1190.

Q5: No response.

Q6: They are fine as they are.

Q7: 30mph speed limit is adequate.

Q8: N/A

Q9: N/A

Q10: No response.

Q11 The limits are OK, it's the people driving over them.

Q12: 30mph in the village leave as is, then 40mph on all three approach roads.

Q13: it would be helpful if a 40mph sign was set up a little before the 30mph signs to give time to slow.

Q14: A 40mph limit from Baumber Road would help the edge of the village.

Q15: 40mph prior to the 30mph limit on the approaches to the village.

## **b) How should those limits be enforced?**

### **1 b) Responses:**

Q2: No problems.

Q3: N/A

Q4: Usual way - police unless anyone feels so strongly they might carry out speed enforcement!

Q5: No response.

Q6: That is up to the Police.

Q7: Passive signage such as the signs already in situ and perhaps village entry gates.

Q8: N/A

Q9: N/A

Q10: Existing signage is sufficient.

Q11: That's up to the Police.

Q12: Usual aids/signage. The Police should enforce.

Q13: Any speed limit is difficult to enforce without something like speed camera's.

Q14: With signs as normal.

Q15: Possibly monitor when they are first put in to see what enforcement, if any is required.

## **2. Are there road safety measures you think should be considered for Horsington?**

### **2. Responses:**

Q2: Possible 40mph past rectory towards Horncastle.

Q3: No response.

Q4: No, don't feel any needed. Corners through the village ensure a speed limit.

Q5: Making footpaths more usable so that we don't need to walk on the road.

Q6: No.

Q7:No.

Q8:No.

Q9: No.

Q10: Yes repair the potholes which are a danger to cyclists, motorcyclists car & truck drivers.

Q11: Proper footpaths as in the late 70's and the existing paths are not fit for purpose and some are missing (down Moor Lane).

Q12: Village entry gates are a good visual reminder and are proven to slow traffic down.

Q13: Stopping huge lorries coming through.

Q14: No it is more a noise issue.

Q15: Not beyond the above.

**3. The parish council has considered installing “village entry gates” (as at Legbourne, Hagworthingham, etc.,) evidence of which, can encourage approaching motorists to slow down. However to purchase and install these is more than the council can currently afford, without increasing the parish council's precept and therefore the amount of Council Tax you would pay.**

**a) Would you support an increase in the precept ?**

**Yes 1 No 14 Don't Know 0**

**b) or, do you have suggestions of any other ways these could be financed?**

**3. b) Responses:**

Response 1: Resident's Letter: There is no way I will support a rise in the Parish Council's precept for a totally unnecessary village entry gates when the Parish Council can't or won't support the maintenance of our village churchyard. I do not think there is a problem with speeding traffic through the village, the signage through the village is more than adequate.

Q2: We don't think these are need, just another thing to be maintained

Q3: I think enough money has been wasted on poppies and over priced benches.

Q4: Only one extra thing to maintain & also look awful once left to go dirty & overgrown.

Q5: No response.

Q6: They would be a waste of money. Anyone speeding through the village is well aware of it.

Q7: No response.

Q8: No.

Q9: No.

Q10 Do not proceed unless they can be paid for or donated by a third party.

Q11: Individual sponsor or, club together.

Q12: Privately financed.

Q13: No I don't actually think they are of any long term use.

Q14: No.

Q15: Look at local residents with the skills making the gates - local fund raising.

**c) Or, are the existing warning signs, the “slow down in our village” signs and the boundary signs sufficient?**

**3. c) Responses:**

**Yes 13 No 1 Don't know 1.** (Q13: Well they should be - but see answer 1b)

**4. The council has considered a resident's concern about the excessive noise level from some motorcycles leaving the 30 mph zone. Does this or general levels of traffic noise cause you problems?**

**Yes 2 No 13** ( 1 respondent commented *is deaf* ) **Don't know 0**

## **5. There are limits to what the district council and police can do about it. What would be your suggestions?**

### **5. Responses:**

Q2: People thinking of moving to the area who have a problem with traffic noise etc., should maybe research the area more thoroughly i.e., The fact that it is primarily a farming area, thus there will always be heavy lorries and farm machinery travelling through the village, so there will always be noise. As for the motorbikes a few maybe excessively noisy, but in the main they do slow down and obey the limits. This village has been part of the Willingham, wolds run for many years. I might add this comes from one who has looked out for bikes for many years and see little evidence of bad behaviour

Q3: N/A If certain people aren't happy with how the village is, perhaps they should carry on driving until they find somewhere more suitable.

Q4: Motorbikes don't make as much noise as aircraft & no, I am not suggesting for one moment these should stop!

Q5: The footpath along the Bucknall Road should be re-instated to The Rushes, also there should be a footpath to the end of the village on Moor Lane - the footpaths in the village need attention.

Q6: The layout of the village with short straights and 90<sup>0</sup> corners controls the speed of all but those who deliberately exceed the limit. Having the camera van here periodically, (instead of spending so long in Thimbleby) would soon reduce the number who regularly speed.

Q7: Where does the resident's problem with noise end? The Rooks are noisy too. Do they also concern the resident?

Q8: N/A.

Q9: N/A.

Q10: Speed check vans making an appearance on roads to the village when motorcyclists are riding en masse.

Q11: Noise isn't a problem - trying to safely cross over the road is.

Q12: Bike noise isn't as frequent as speeding vehicles. Whilst noise is a nuisance, those of us with children worry about safety.

Q13: No response.

Q14: 40mph limit on approach from Baumber Road.

Q15: See answer to Question 1

## **6. Do you have any other concerns about traffic in Horsington?**

**Please also include any additional comments you wish to make in respect of the previous questions.**

### **6. Responses:**

Q4: If people buy a house on a road with a 60mph speed limit they should not be surprised if cars drive at 60mph.

Q7: The only problem that we may have encountered has been from a middle aged woman writing off two cars outside my house before driving off. Little or no interest from the Police. Putting extra signs up in or around the village will neither help with the appearance of the village nor the resident's perceived noise issues. Narrowing of carriage ways at village entrances can be effective where traffic calming is concerned. This would be expensive and can also be dangerous for cyclists. Safety fences "village safety gates" are an alternative to what we already have, in so much as we have those fantastic village signs (the painted ones, rather than the "Drive Slowly through our village" ones). Careful positioning of these signs should be sufficient. It would be churlish to move to a rural location and complain about the considerable noise made by tractors and trailers, or lawn mowers. Noise is noise and it does not fall into a good or bad category. If we try to cap the noise levels of motorcyclists', do we also insist upon a cap of all other "intrusive" noises? We have more than enough signage in the village already. More, would be ugly and ineffective.

I have used the Lincolnshire County Council's streetscape design manual for reference.

Q8: No comment.

Q9: No comment.

Q10: Perhaps need to remind road users to be aware of horse riders and their needs signage? Footpaths needed along Moor Lane to protect residents and to properly maintain those in the village and along Bucknall Road. Drains and drainage grids need to be cleared out properly and maintained to avoid lagoons forcing traffic into oncoming lanes and thus preventing a slip and trip hazards to pedestrians.

Q11: I'm in my late 70's and if the road is clear in both directions I'm often left trying to rush over the road, due to the speed of motorists coming from the Bucknall direction.

Q12: Enhance the look of the village and keep it safe for the children. There is very little consideration for the children in the village, so the least we can do is make it safe for them.

Q13: As previously stated lorries. They chew up the verges and ruin the road surfaces. It is said that there have so far been no accidents caused - do we have to wait for that to happen before anything can be done?

Q14: I would definitely oppose the installation of speed bumps, 'Sleeping Policemen', or cushions of any kind. They are indiscriminate. Q15: Generally traffic is not a problem. However with the increase use of the road for walking and the proposed development at Rose Cottage pedestrian safety is an increasing concern.

## **Conclusions:**

Consultation Questionnaire responses - 15 received.

Key Questions:

**Question 1. Do you think there is a problem with traffic speed in and approaching Horsington ?**

**Yes 5. No 10. Don't know 0.** Percentage response 66.6% considered there is not a problem - 33.3% considered there is a problem.

**Question 3 a) Would you support an increase in the precept ?**

**Yes 1 No 14 Don't Know 0.** Overwhelming majority would not support an increase in precept.

**3 c) Or, are the existing warning signs, the “slow down in our village” signs and the boundary signs sufficient?**

**3. c) Responses:**

**Yes 13 No 1 Don't know 1.** Majority consider current signage is sufficient.

**Question 4. Does this or general levels of traffic noise cause you problems?**

**Yes 2 No 13 ( 1 respondent commented *is deaf* ) Don't know 0.** Majority consider there is not a traffic noise problem.

Recognition of concerns regarding the condition of village footpaths and pedestrian safety including children. Potholes. Speeding traffic on the approaches to the village.