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OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Subject: Highway Concerns	
Applicable Strategy:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups 2. Improve and increase facilities within the town 3. Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play 	

Background

Residents with a highway, traffic, road safety or parking concern in the first instance should now contact its local Parish/Town representative first.

If Council decide they are in support of the proposal or concern by resolution, then the Clerk will need to complete and submit a transport related concern to RCC on behalf of the resident.

This will then generate a feasibility study with scheme costings for discussion at the following Highways & Transport Working Group. If a parking restriction scheme is supported by members of that group at that stage, it then goes through a formal consultation, the results of which RCC will decide whether it is prudent to implement.

Members are being asked to consider the following concerns received to date:

1.

Location
Ashwell Road (from the roundabout and the Veterinary surgery)
Concern
At the moment the crossing on the bypass only allows you to go as far as Oakham schools pavilion. Several times I have had near misses trying to cross the road as cars come flying off of the roundabout or down from Ashwell. There is currently no means of joining all footpaths together safely.
Proposal
I propose a pedestrian crossing where the footpath stops near Oakham school pavilion on Ashwell Road or another pedestrian crossing on the bypass the other side of the roundabout to join all footpath together. Also, I would like to see the 40MPH speed limit extended past the Veterinary surgery on Ashwell Road.

2.

Location
Kings Road
Concern
<p>I've been a resident of Kings Road for 13 years and have noticed that the parking and traffic movement on the road is becoming a nightmare and I feel that something needs to be done about it.</p> <p>I also feel that there a safety risk when it comes to van's parking on the path because they are too wide which could be a problem for the fire engine getting up the road.</p> <p>I feel that there are also some serious safety issues, only two weeks ago three cars were involved in an accident.</p>
Proposal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I propose that the road should be one way from Cold Overton Road to Lonsdale Way• I propose that the road should be permit parking only as I feel that there is a lot of cars parked there from Scallywags nursery and Cold Overton Road residents.

3.

Location
Burley Road outside of Oakham Co f E Primary
Concern
<p>The speed of the traffic on Burley Road has been an increasing problem especially during school hours when it is a 20mph zone. A vehicle went through a red light at the crossing twice in a week. The second of the two incidents the vehicle was travelling too fast to stop/react in time and went through a red light whilst children where using the crossing at 3:30pm. The speed indicator further along recorded the speed at over 30mph after the brakes were applied.</p> <p>It is reasonable to assume the vehicle was travelling faster than the speed on the sign as it passed through the crossing and applied brakes. I managed to pull my 5-year-old son back out of the path of the vehicle which came close to running over my feet in the process. Since then talking to other parents I am now aware of several other incidents on this stretch of road within the last 12 months.</p> <p>I am very unhappy about the situation and feel that the County Council is not concerned about the safety of the children attending the counties schools. Why is there not better traffic calming? Surely a solution focused local authority can find way to calm the traffic down on a vulnerable stretch of road that works for all road users.</p>
Proposal
I request that the Highways and Transport Working Group look at ways to calm the traffic on this vulnerable section before a more serious incident occurs.

4.

Location
Willow Crescent
Concern
This is currently a bus route and as cars park on one side making it one way and difficult to pass
Proposal
I would like to apply to have this made one way and have double yellow lines applied to one side. Implementing double yellow lines would stop people parking on the opposite side making it easier for the bus to have an uninterrupted travel along our road

5.

Location
South Street
Concern
South Street with deliveries to Otters on the High Street. They are having collections of their skips early in the morning (sometimes 6am) and the only access is via the converted Rutland Times building. They also have a 20ft Brakes lorry every couple of days whereby the driver parks for 20-30 minutes on double yellow lines which is causing a problem for drivers on the street. There was quite a serious road rage incident a few days ago when two drivers almost collided! There will be serious issues once the new residents move into the buildings as their access will be restricted.
Proposal
We were wondering whether any restrictions can be implemented

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Location
Uppingham Road especially by Mount Pleasant
Concern
Potential dangers from speeding vehicles and inappropriate road markings on this road. The danger was highlighted for us when my wife and I came within seconds of being wiped out by a car doing between 60/70 mph. We were driving from Oakham town centre at about 1.15pm Tuesday and had signalled to turn right into Spinney Hill. Just as I was about to make the turn a car shot passed me at great speed, ignoring my signal. We were seconds from being hit broadside. With the building of the Spinney Hill development the road markings are a nonsense. Note – driving from Oakham to Spinney Hill: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The change from a 30 to a 40 limit is just before the turn.• The overtaking markings start just before the turn.• There is no road sign indicating the turning into Spinney Hill.

These, together with a general disregard of the speed limits by about 50% of drivers, presents a potential accident black spot.

As the occupancy of the site is now about 50 families, some with children and many older people, it is time that action be taken before such an accident occurs. (I even offered to paint out the overtaking markings if the council provided a tin of paint!). Because of the verge on one side being unusable for pedestrians, Spinney Hill residents have to cross the road; there is no pedestrian crossing and mobility scooter users would have difficulty crossing the narrow "footbridge" over the brook.

From late Spring to early Autumn vision when exiting the site by car is obscure to the left because the verge is not trimmed far enough back to get a clear view of traffic from the left. We are fans of verges being left wild but not at the expense of road safety.

Proposal

- To confirm whether or not the Town Council are still in support of the above concerns/proposals
- Authorise the Clerk to submit a Highways Concern form on behalf of the resident