

Purpose of Today's Drop-In Event



- 1) Raise awareness of Hampshire Highway's proposals for traffic calming in Frith End & Blacknest; and gather parishioners' feedback on these traffic calming proposals.**
- 2) Raise awareness of other actions being undertaken by Binsted Parish Council's Transport Working Group to improve local road safety**
- 3) Identify additional volunteers to assist our existing Transport Working Group and Community Speed Watch teams**

Traffic Calming is one of 6 actions being progressed to improve Frith End & Blacknest road safety

1) Traffic-calming project (as promised in 2012)

2) Repairs to damaged road elements

- Dire condition of Blacknest & Frith End road surfaces, verges and missing signs needs fixing.

3) Further safety projects

- A325 junctions & speed limits need review

4) Enforcing speed and HGV rules

- Speeding traffic is a major concern.
- Signage and enforcement of HGV rules also a concern.

5) Creating an off-road cycle route

- Sustainable travel option needed from Bordon to Bentley Station.
- Road is too narrow for on-highway cycle routes.

6) Scrutising planning applications' traffic impacts

- Steep increases in traffic volumes & HGV sizes already cause concern on narrow rural roads. (Bordon expansion still only at midway point.)
- NPPF is problematic as planning applications can only be opposed on transport grounds if transport network impacts are 'significant'.

Progress made so far:

1) Traffic-calming project (as promised in 2012)

- s106 funds from Whitehill-Bordon expansion are now secured.
- November 2024: Highways signed project initiation agreement.
- Jan 2025: Traffic calming concept plans received from Highways.

2) Repairs to damaged road elements

- BPC & residents actively use 'Report a Road Problem' system to lobby for urgent, proper resurfacing of Blacknest & Frith End roads. Highways has made recent site visits.
- BPC is additionally lobbying for remediation of carriageway edges and verges resulting from B3004 SSEN diversions.

3) Further safety projects

- 40 issues causing road safety concern have been documented.
- A325 junctions: BPC has asked Highways to clarify future plans.
- BPC is working with Binsted & Rowledge schools on road safety.
- BPC is working with British Horse Society to identify best locations for horse rider signage on Blacknest Road.

4) Enforcing speed and HGV rules

- We have put in place all possible volunteer-led speed projects (Community Speed Watch; Speed Indicator Devices; Cameras.)
- We have Highways' commitment to improve A325 HGV signage and to design signage to deter HGVs from Jolly into Frith End.

5) Creating off-road cycle route

- BPC has responded to several LCWIP and Sustainable Travel consultations, using data obtained in BPC's 2019 Cycling Survey.

6) Planning applications' traffic impacts

- BPC is scrutinising large planning applications & Local Plans.
- We include accurate traffic data, collected from relevant SIDs.

Action still needed:

1) Traffic-calming project (as promised in 2012)

- BPC will give your feedback on Highways' traffic calming concepts.
- A detailed design and Road Safety Audit will be the next steps.
- Further site work will then be required for detailed design.
- "Highways is aiming to progress the scheme to the implementation stage within 2025-26 financial year."

2) Repairs to damaged road elements

- The proper remediation of road surfaces and verges - and the replacement of missing road safety signs - remain vexed issues!
- Highways is discussing deploying its Dragon Patcher in Blacknest in this financial year.

3) Further safety projects

- Highways will repair Binsted School flashing lights
- Need to identify solutions for road safety issues at Binsted and Rowledge schools
- BPC is maintaining its list of road safety concerns in the parish.

4) Enforcing speed and HGV rules

- Transport WG volunteers will install new Speed Indicator Devices.
- Volunteers are needed to help verify Speed Camera data.
- Volunteers needed to set up Rowledge Community Speed Watch.
- Hampshire Police has promised help to enforce speed & HGV rules.
- Highways has promised to deliver the promised HGV signage.

5) Creating off-road cycle route

- Sustainable travel option needed from Bordon to Bentley Station.

6) Planning applications' traffic impacts

- EHDC and SDNP Local Plan Reviews will need our continued focus.
- We also need to understand how HCC's 'Project 2050' (to make transport more sustainable) will affect future decisions.

Timeline: Traffic calming discussions for Frith End to Bentley route

2012: Frith End to Bentley route was one of 9 local routes promised traffic calming measures by Bordon & Whitehill's regeneration project. Funding for this was written into the Bordon developments' s106 agreements.

By 2022: Traffic calming on all routes except ours had been implemented.

March 2022: BPC starts to collect traffic volumes and speeds from its SID.

Summer 2022: Residents participate in a 'Rapid Evidence Review' and document 40 safety improvements needed on Frith End and Blacknest road stretches (excluding the junctions.) The review confirms support for a 30mph speed limit and physical traffic calming buildouts.

Nov 2022: BPC secure site visit from Highways to cost traffic calming plan.

Spring 2023: Hampshire Highways become convinced that Frith End is *not* covered by Bordon s106 agreements.

Spring 2023: As potential alternative to s106 funding, BPC help Highways to write Strategic CIL 'public realm' funding bids to SDNP and EHDC for 2 small traffic calming elements. Both bids fail¹.

Summer 2023: Road safety and traffic volumes are confirmed as Binsted parish residents' top priorities in the parish-wide survey undertaken by BPC to develop Binsted's Parish Priority Statement.

October 2023: BPC tracks down the document proving that Frith End *is* covered by Bordon s106 funding!

November 2023: Communications with Hampshire Highways evaporate after a key staff member leaves and his successor is unresponsive.

March 2024 - After intense lobbying, BPC secures a meeting with Highways s106 portfolio manager and discuss 40 safety improvements sought.

May 2024: BPC supply data about traffic flows to Highways' s106 team.

July 2024: After further lobbying, BPC meets new Engineering Manager.

October 2024: Ring-fenced s106 funding for Frith End project is approved.

November 2024: Highways' project initiation agreement is signed.

31 January 2025: BPC receives Concept Plans for Traffic Calming scheme.

¹ EHDC's Strategic CIL 'Growth' criterion specifically excludes traffic calming!

Volunteers Needed !!

BPC's efforts to address traffic issues rely almost entirely on unpaid community volunteers.

We would love additional help...

Please leave your name and contact details below if you can give up some time to help with any of these tasks:

- **Verifying Speed Camera data** - This indoor job demands a few minutes on your PC on a regular basis.
- **Joining a Volunteer Speed Watch team** - in Blacknest, Binsted village or in Rowledge. This outdoor job involves donning 'hi-vis' and working in a team of 4 people for one hour speed watch sessions. Police training is given.
- **Joining BPC as a councillor** – we currently have one vacancy.

We also strongly encourage ALL residents to report road problems online, as you notice them. Just Google '*Hampshire Highways report a road problem*' and submit your report. Highways will only fix things if they're aware there's a problem.