

Cley Traffic Management

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Introduction

Cley Parish Council have been working with Norfolk County Council to try and improve traffic flow through the village of Cley. In April 2021 the Parish Council carried out an extensive consultation with all residents on having yellow lines, on the narrowest sections (pinch points) throughout the village. The Parish Council are not highway experts and rely on the knowledge and expertise of Highway engineers to advise us of the best way to achieve better traffic flow for all vehicles including the coasthopper bus.

NCC View

Cley Parish Council have submitted their proposals to NCC for consideration by their safety and design team. NCC have returned a plan to the Parish Council highlighting the areas they have suggested would be most suitable for yellow lines. The plan is different to the Parish Council's original plan and as such Cllrs are keen to share this updated plan with residents and gather their views.

In summary NCC have advised that yellow lines would be an appropriate solution on the pinch points (previously consulted on by CPC), but in order to meet with their safety requirements the lines would need to be replicated directly opposite. Therefore, the yellow lines would be mirrored on both sides of the road.

Other Options Explored

Representatives from the Parish Council met with Highways to explore other possible solutions.

Designated Parking Areas – This is an attractive proposal as no legal orders are required. For relatively very small cost white lined parking bays can be marked out in safe/ agreed locations in the village to formally designate parking areas. The idea being that the majority of people would only choose to park in designated bays and not elsewhere thus creating a better unobstructed through route. The problem with this scheme is when you put pen to paper there are large parking areas (far more areas you can park than areas where you can't). This would mean vast areas of the village centre would have white lines marking out boxes, this is likely to be more obtrusive and create an urbanised feel compared to the small number of yellow lines proposed. On the plus side the scheme can be delivered quickly and if unsuccessful the lines can be quickly removed, however if they are ignored there is nothing we can do as white lines are not enforceable.

Residents Only Permit Areas – Creating a legal order to allow permit holder parking for residents would be another solution. Residents who are familiar with the area know the pinch points and generally park sensibly. In peak season residents would still be able to park

outside/ near to their houses which would be welcomed by many. The problem here is the same as above with white bays being installed to designate parking areas, signage would also be needed to accompany each bay stating permit holders only. There is an option to introduce a seasonal restriction, but signage and bays may still be intrusive. A compromise could be to only designate a small area as permit holder parking to reduce the amount of signage and lines needed. Prioritising those resident areas could be challenging.

Yellow Lines – This scheme does not require signage and comes with the minimal visual intrusion. It is a more complex scheme to be delivered with a long consultation required with residents, it offers a permanent solution which can be enforced. However, if any changes were needed in the future, then the order would need to be amended which can be costly. There have been speeding concerns raised especially when approaching the village from Salthouse. Highways have advised that chicanes would not be appropriate here due to the Coast Road being an *A road*.

Better Signage – It was suggested more signage to the Village Hall Car Park and an additional village gate with signage to slow down (at the Salthouse end of the village) may help tackle the traffic management problems. Some temporary signage at the pinch points may be beneficial to visitors. Signage would need to be carefully considered so it was in keeping and not too intrusive.

Next Steps...

Cley Parish Council will be debating the NCC revised plan at their Parish Council meeting on Thursday 13th October at 6.30pm at Cley Village Hall.