

A342 Speed Limit Reduction South of Sandy Lane

1. Background

The Clerk of Bromham Parish Council has written to Calne Without Parish Council with the following:

“We are in the process of trying to reduce the speed limit on the A342 from the Calne junction to St Edith’s Marsh from 60MPH to 50 MPH, this has been a lengthy process now going into our third year. Following metro counts and a full survey at 25% of the cost of £2500.

“When the survey was carried out Sandy Lane was included (although not requested by Bromham PC) and it was recommended that the speed from Sandy Lane to the Calne junction was reduced from 50MPH to 40 MPH. The whole scheme will cost approx. £10,000 with a 25% contribution from the PC.

“Bromham has queried this as Sandy Lane is not in our Parish and we did not request this part of the survey. When queried Devizes LHFIC recommended we contact you to request a contribution from Calne Without for their part of the Scheme. Unfortunately this is again on hold due to these circumstances.

“Bromham Parish Council would appreciate your consideration in this matter which would be beneficial to Sandy Lane as only the whole scheme will be considered and Bromham PC are reluctant to fund the whole scheme with part of it outside their boundary.”

In response to further email exchanges, Bromham have advised that the Wiltshire Council Traffic Officer has proposed a split of 2/3 Bromham and 1/3 Calne Without on the 25% contribution. This would represent a contribution of £833 from Calne Without towards the expected cost of £10,000.

2. Assessment

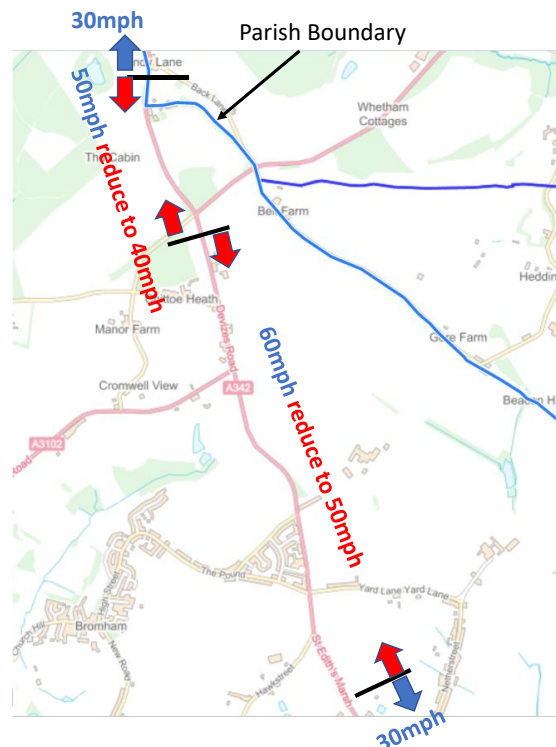
No sketch plan of the scheme has been provided by Bromham PC.

A sketch plan based on the description of the scheme is provided adjacent.

The scheme comprises two elements:

- A reduction from 50mph to 40mph from the existing 30mph section through Sandy Lane to just south of the A3102 Mile Elm Road.
- A reduction from the national speed limit to 50mph from just south of the A3102 Mile Elm Road through to the existing 30mph section at St Edith’s Marsh.

From the southern edge of Sandy Lane, the current parish boundary between Calne Without and Bromham runs along the centre of the A342, for



approximately 165m, as far as the old Roman Road, in the vicinity of Wans House. From that point, the boundary turns east, following the alignment of the Roman Road. The remaining approximately 3,000m of the scheme is entirely within the boundary of Bromham Parish.

The northbound speed survey, undertaken in Sandy Lane in January 2022, recorded a mean speed of 33.5mph and an 85thile speed of 38.5mph. The introduction of a lower speed limit to the south of Sandy Lane could reasonably be expected to have a calming influence on vehicle speeds entering the settlement and would therefore be of benefit to the residents.

3. Options

The following options were considered by the Highways, Transport and Road Safety Working Group.

Option 1 – Do Nothing.

The Council makes no contribution to the scheme.

Option 2 – Offer a Proportionate Contribution of £65.

The Council offers a contribution proportionate to the extent of the scheme. This would equate to:

$$£2,500 \times 0.5 \times 165m / (3,000m + 165m) = £65$$

Option 3 – Offer a Nominal Contribution of £500.

Nominal contribution, but arguably more reflective of the benefit to the residents of Sandy Lane.

Option 4 – Offer the Request Contribution of £833.

Meet the request in full.

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Council offers a contribution of £500 towards the scheme, to be funded from CIL Reserves. This was considered to be a sum that provides an appropriate balance between the proportion of the scheme that lies within Calne Without and the potential benefit to the residents of Sandy Lane.

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