

Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

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Issue Details

Location of Issue:	Blackland (Blackland Crossroads to Stockley Lane)
Community Area:	Calne
Parish or Town Council:	Middle Ward
Nature of Issue: Dangerous speeding traffic	
<p>This stretch of country lane, barely wide enough for two cars, has a default speed limit of 60 mph. It is common for vehicles, including delivery trucks and lorries, to pass through at over 50 mph, at any time of day and particularly at rush hour when the road serves as a "rat run" to/from Stockley and Heddington. There is no separate pedestrian pavement, and this raises specific health and safety issues, as the road is also used by residents, walkers, runners, cyclists, horse riders, and occupants of the nearby caravan park out for a stroll. School buses also collect or deposit students along this road. There have been near misses, and at least one recorded injury accident (in 2006). Since the development of nearby Marden Farm for housing, the volume of traffic has increased significantly.</p>	
How long has it been an issue?	since at least 2010
What would you like done to resolve this issue? Effective traffic-calming measures	
<p>Current "Blackland please drive carefully" signage (installed 2007?) has had little obvious effect on traffic speed, and white "gates" would probably be no more effective. A far more persuasive measure would be speed-limit signs at both ends of this stretch. (Other options include road narrowing, chicanes, or speed bumps.) Residents failed (in 2011?) to persuade Calne town council to establish a 30 mph speed limit, apparently because of low housing density here, and yet this is a neighbourhood in the traditional sense, and not just a thoroughfare with houses on it. The volume and speed of traffic here are now surely far more relevant considerations than the number of houses.</p>	
Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor? (Yes/No)	Yes

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Town or Parish Council Comments: (To be completed by Town or Parish Council only)