

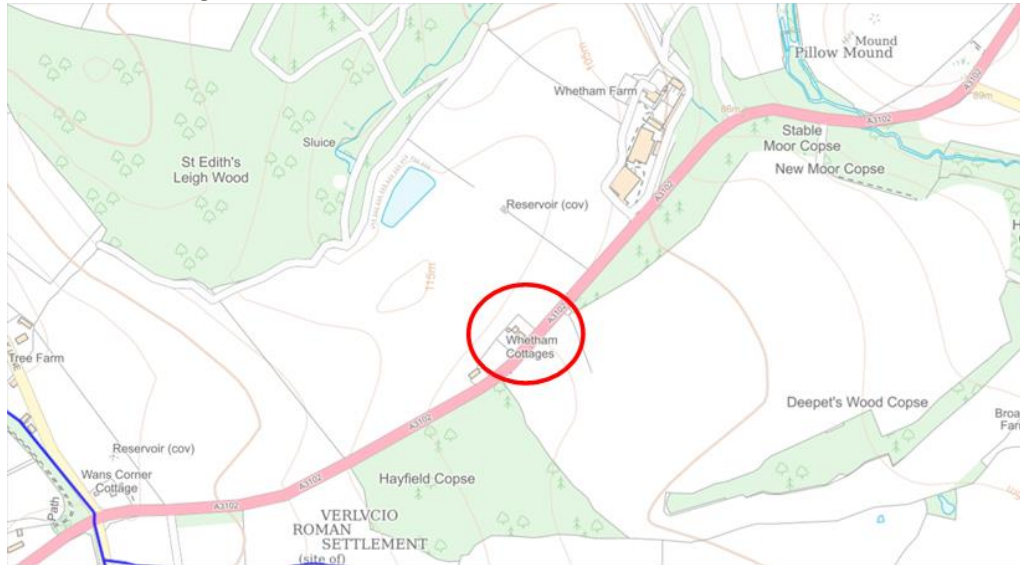
Highway Improvement Request Form Mile Elm Road – Whetham Cottages

1. Background

The attached Highway Improvement Request Form has been received by the Parish Council.

The issue raised is the speed of traffic using the A3102 Mile Elm Road, resulting making it hazardous for residents turning into or out of their property, and resulting in excessive noise levels.

Whetham Cottages are on the A3102 Mile Elm Road, between Wans Corner and Whetham Farm:



Access to Whetham Cottages is obtained from a shared entrance to the north-east of the cottages:

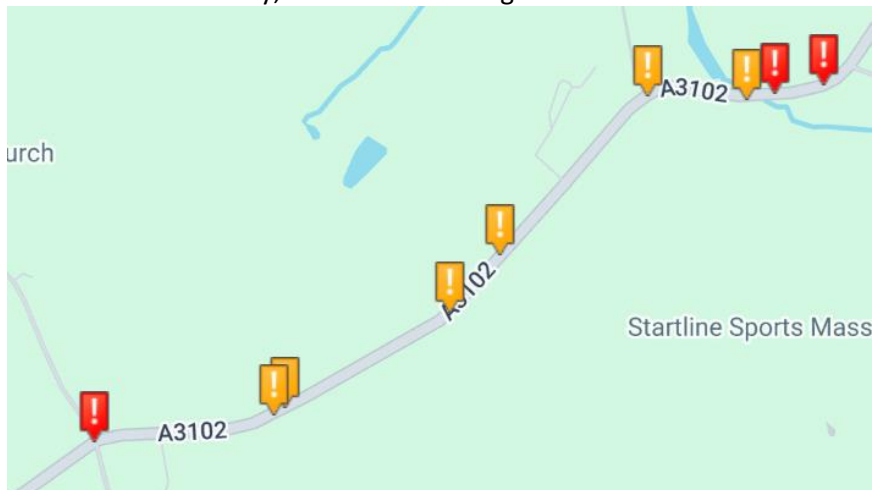
From south-west:



From north-east:



Checking on CrashMap for the previous tens years (2013-2022), there has just been two accidents in the immediate vicinity, both classed as slight:



Further accidents have occurred to the south-west, at or near Wans Conner, and to the north-east through the “Whetham bends”. More recently, in February 2024, there was a fatal accident from a head-on collision in this vicinity.

This section of highway is currently under the National Speed Limit.

2. Discussion

Under the A3102 Safer Roads Project:

- A 50mph Speed Limit is to be introduced between the A342 and the existing 50mph limit at Tossels Farm.
- Works are proposed for the section outside Whetham Cottages comprising the extension of double solid centre lines, studs and replacement chevron signage:

3. Whetham Cottages

- Extension of double solid centre lines, studs and replacement chevron signage.

A map showing the layout of Whetham Cottages and the proposed road improvements. The road is shown with a double solid centre line and studs. A chevron sign is shown pointing left. The text 'Whetham Cottages' is written across the road. A speed limit sign of 104.9m is shown. The map is part of a presentation slide with a blue footer containing the text 'LIVE·WORK·INNOVATE' and 'Wiltshire Council'.An inset map showing the location of Whetham Cottages in the context of the surrounding area. The road is highlighted in green, and a red dot marks the location of Whetham Cottages. The text 'WITHOUT CP' is visible on the map.

Further, more extensive, improvements are planned at Wans Corner (where there is a crossroads with Back Lane and the Hedington Road), and on the Whetham Bends.

3. Recommendation

The following is recommended:

- That the Highway Improvement Request Form should be forwarded to the A3102 Safer Roads Project with a request to consider installing a warning about the concealed entrance approaching the entrance to Whetham Cottages from the south-west.
- That a request is submitted to Wiltshire Police to undertake speed enforcement work on the Mile Elm Road following the introduction of the new Speed Limit.

Cllr John Barnes
Highways, Transport & Road Safety Working Group

Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

Name:	*** redacted ***	Date:	15/07/2024
Address:	1 Whetham Cottages, Mile Elm, Calne Wilts SN11 0PU		
Telephone No:	[REDACTED]		
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Issue Details

Location of Issue:	
Community Area:	Use drop down box
Parish or Town Council:	
Nature of Issue: (Max 600 characters)	
<p>I live in one of 2 cottages (1 Whetham Cottages) set just off the A3102 nr Mile Elm, this particular stretch of road is continually used as a racetrack for cars and bikes who feel that it is appropriate to race up and down the road at extremely high speeds (see image below). Not only is this dangerous for residents when entering and exiting the property but the noise exhibited by speeding cars and bikes is at an unacceptable level.</p> <p>I am also aware that earlier in the year there was a Collison on the bend near Whetham and I am informed that accidents are frequent on this stretch of road.</p>	
How long has it been an issue?	
What would you like done to resolve this issue? (Max 600 characters)	
<p>From my point of view the speed limit is too high and needs to be much lower which will hopefully reduce the noise level, furthermore, there needs to be a sign set before the bend stating that there is a "Concealed entrance ahead Slow Down" in order that other drivers are aware of vehicles entering and exiting residential properties. In the short term it may be an ideal location to site an adhoc police speed camera.</p>	
Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor? (Yes/No)	No <input type="checkbox"/>

This form needs to be completed and e-mailed or sent to your local Town or Parish Council.

Town and Parish contact details are available via the link below:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx>

Town or Parish Council Comments: (To be completed by Town or Parish Council only - Max 600 characters)

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