

Highway Improvement Request Form Blackland Crossroads

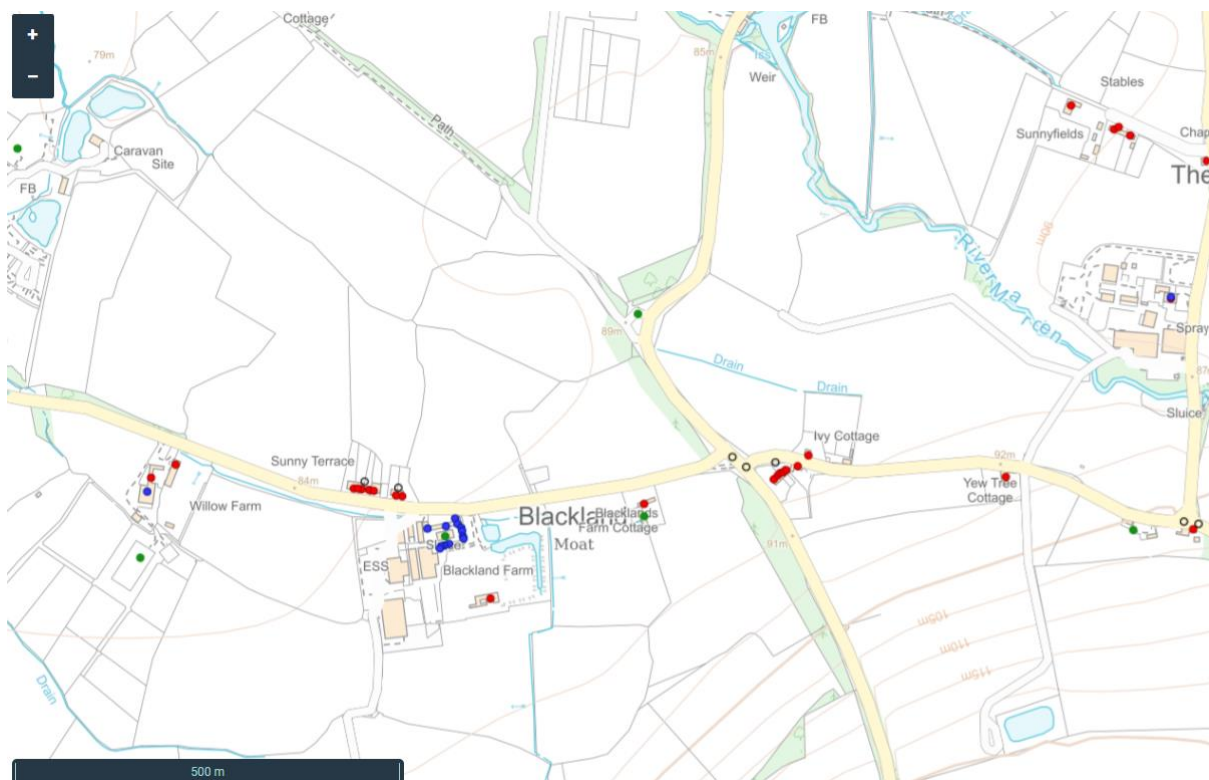
1. Introduction

In November, the Council received a Highway Improvement Request Form from a resident of Blackland Crossroads. The resident raises issues of speeding traffic going through Blackland Crossroads, both downhill from the direction of the golf course, and uphill, accelerating out of the “S bend” past Blackland Mill. The resident believes that this is making it more dangerous to exit onto the Quemerford to Devizes Road, particularly for slower-turning farm vehicles. The resident also notes that the presence of the entrance to 1 Blackland Crossroads, which is directly off this road.

The resident has requested a weight limit to prevent HGVs from using this “C” road and a 40mph speed limit covering Blackland Crossroads and its vicinity.

2. Background and Discussion

Blackland Crossroads is an uncontrolled staggered crossroads. The principle road, with priority, is a minor road, running north-south, linking Quemerford with the A361 to the east of Devizes. It is a convenient route for HGVs due to the presence of the Hopton Industrial Estate on the eastern side of Devizes.

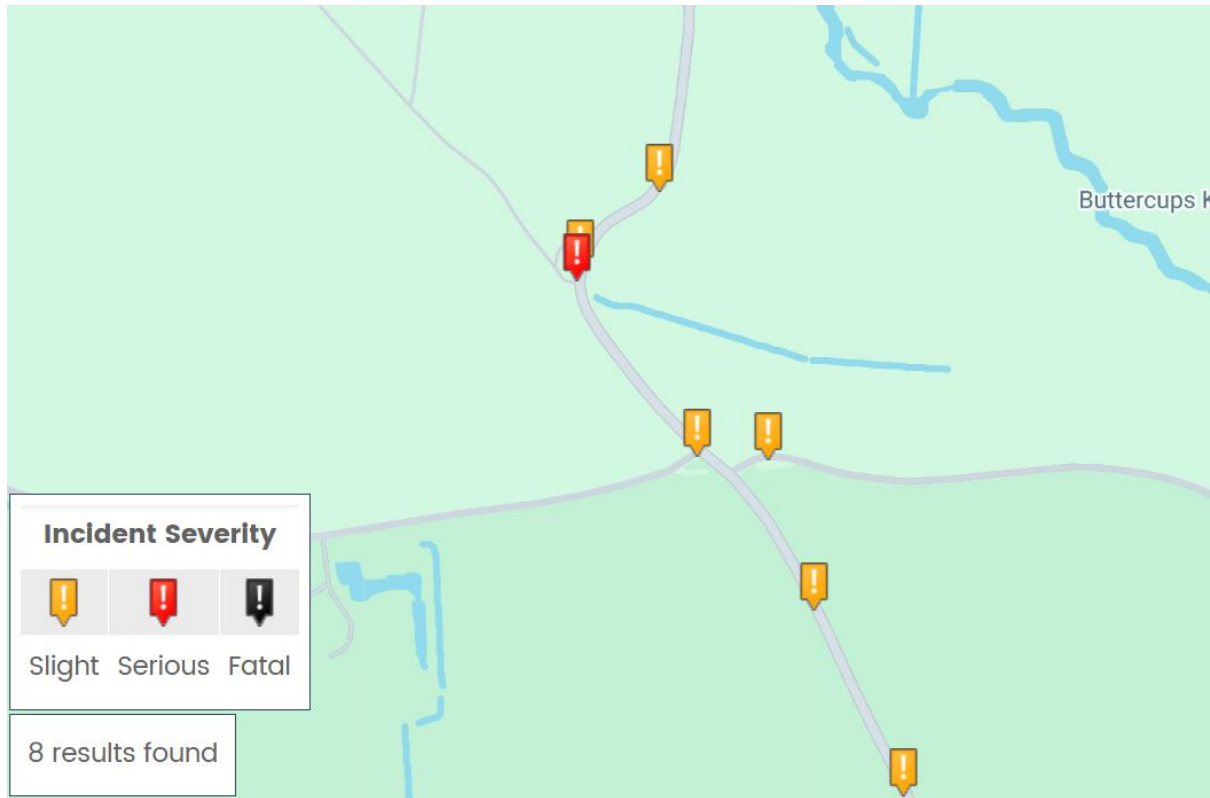


The other two arms are also both minor roads, one heading west to Stockley Lane, and the other heading east into Calstone.

All four limbs of the crossroads are at the national speed limit.

Interrogation of publicly available accident data (via Crashmap) for the years 2013 to 2022 has identified:

- Two slight accidents at the crossroads (in 2013 and 2018).
- Two slight accidents to the south (in 2021 and 2022).
- One serious (2022) and two slight (2014 and 2016) to the north, on the “S bends”.



There is no empirical speed survey data available at this location.

3. Recommendation

The Highway Improvement Request Form has been considered by the Council’s Highways, Transport and Road Safety Working Group, with the recommendation that:

- The Council endorses the Highway Improvement Request Form and submits it to LHFIG with a request for it to consider and provide advice on how best to control issues of speeding and heavy lorries reported at this location.

Cllr John Barnes
Chair, Highways, Transport & Road Safety Working Group

Appendix A – Highway Improvement Request Form

Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

Name:	*** redacted ***	Date:	16/11/2024
Address:	*** redacted *** Blacklands Crossroads, Blackland, Calne, SN11 8PU.		
Telephone No:	*** redacted ***		
Email Address:	*** redacted ***		

Issue Details

Location of Issue:	Blacklands Crossroads & progressing up the hill SSE
Community Area:	Calne
Parish or Town Council:	Calne Without/Cherhill
Nature of Issue: Speeding in and around the village!	
Regarding the speeding in and around the village, we've noticed that the Quemerford to Devizes road has got busier, probably due to increased housing developments in the area. This makes it more and more dangerous to exit Blacklands Crossroads especially for slow turning farm vehicles. Also, there is a footpath & the exit from No. 1 garage area which both exit on to the Quemerford to Devizes road. We wondered if the Wiltshire Council highways engineer would consider assessing whether 60 mph is still an appropriate speed these days through the crossroads. Many vehicles exit the "S bend" after Blacklands Mill & "put there foot down" to an unsuitable speed for the crossroads & mentioned exits. Similarly, traffic including big heavy lorries scream down the Hill from the Golf course at speed, which at times can be alarming especially when you see ramblers & horses trying to cross the crossroads.	
How long has it been an issue?	We moved here 10 years ago but over the last 5 the road has become much busier!
What would you like done to resolve this issue?	
Some sort of weight limit to stop the huge volume of big lorries using what is effectively a "C" road. I feel it would be much more appropriate to have say a 40mph limit covering the Blackland Crossroads area & it's vicinity.	
Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor? (Yes/No)	No

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)