

## Highway Improvement Request Form Old Derry Hill – Request for White Gates

### 1. Introduction

In November, the Council received a Highway Improvement Request Form for Old Derry Hill, requesting the provision of white gates on either side of the settlement, with the aim of subconsciously slowing down traffic, but also providing recognition to the settlement's name.

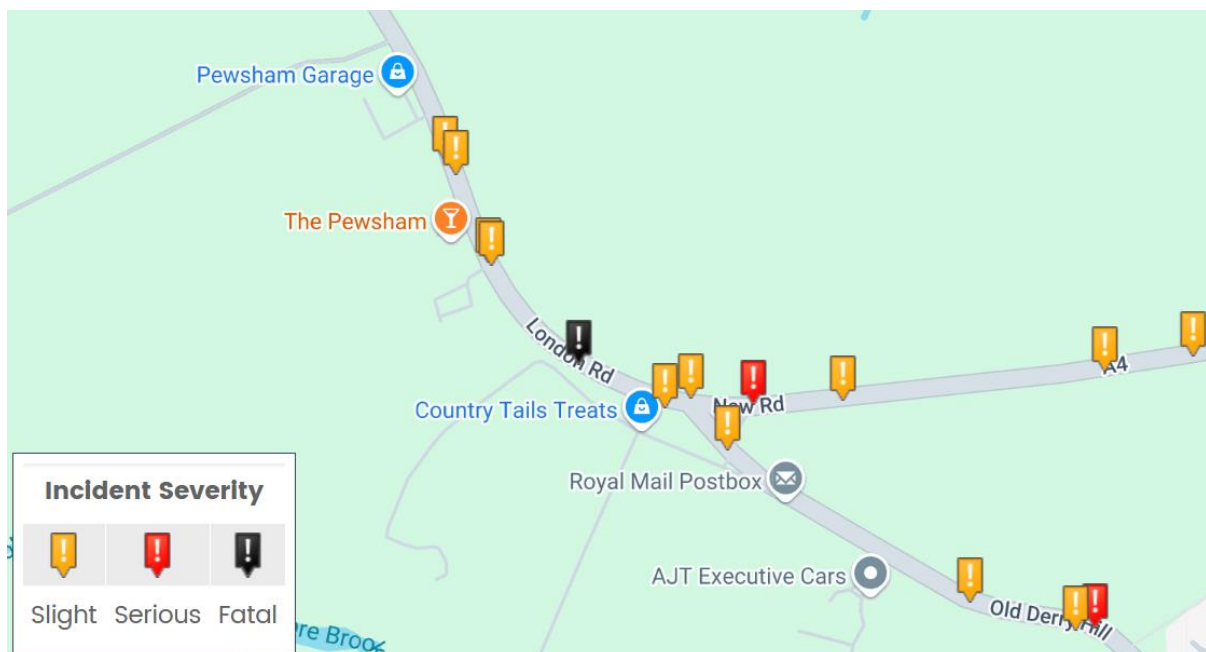
A copy of the Form is provided as Appendix A.

### 2. Background and Discussion

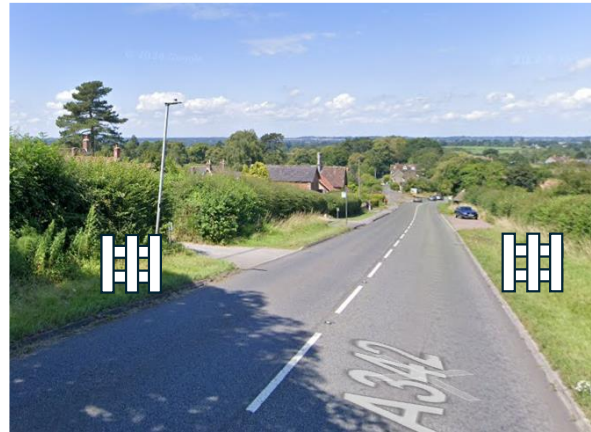
Old Derry Hill is located on the A342, immediately prior to the junction with the A4. The settlement has a distinct identity, which isn't formally recognised by settlement signage.

Old Derry Hill is currently covered by a 40mph zone. Residents report issues with speeding vehicles and white gates could help to mitigate this by alerting drivers that they are entering an area with residential properties and multiple entrances.

White gates could also help slow traffic speeds heading downhill approaching the hazardous uncontrolled junction with the A4, which has recorded multiple accidents over the period 2013 to 2022 as indicated below.

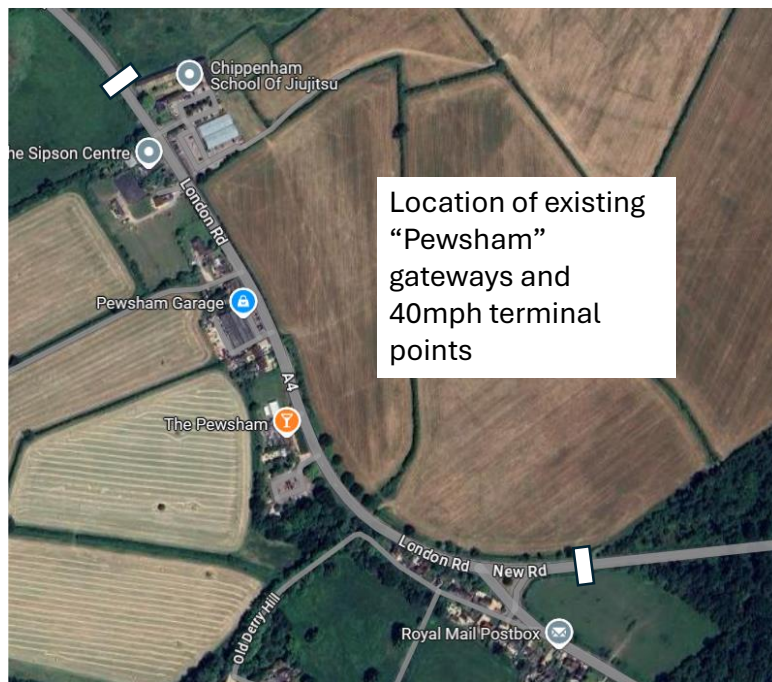


The optimum location for white gates approaching Old Derry Hill from the direction of Devizes, would be just before the turning to Derry Hill Farm and the bus stop on the left hand side:



Finding a location in the opposite direction is more problematic, as Old Derry Hill morphs into Pewsham without a clear break.

There are, however, two existing village “gateways” on the A4, coinciding with the 40mph terminal points, and with existing “Pewsham” signage. These are located at Forest Gate (from the direction of Chippenham) and immediately prior to the A342 junction (from the direction of Calne):





From the direction of Chippenham



From the direction of Calne

It would make sense to reinforce these two existing settlement “gateways” with white gates to reinforce the reduction in speed limit through Pewsham.

### 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 white gates and “Old Derry Hill” settlement signage on the A342 Old Derry Hill, and for white gates to be installed on the A4 London Road to reinforce the existing “Pewsham” settlement gateways and 40mph terminal points.

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

Appendix A – Highway Improvement Request Form

## Highways Improvement Request Form

<b>Contact details</b>	
Name:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text" value="Old Derry Hill"/>
Date:	<input type="text" value="08/11/2024"/>
Telephone No.:	<input type="text"/>
Email address:	<input type="text"/>

<b>Issue Details</b>	
Location of Issue:	<input type="text" value="Old Derry Hill"/>
Community Area:	<input type="text" value="Use drop down box"/>
Parish or Town Council:	<input type="text" value="Parish"/>
Nature of Issue:	<input type="text" value="To define the area of Old Derry Hill with white gates either side of the settlement."/>
How long as it been an issue?	<input type="text"/>
What would you like done to resolve this issue?	<input type="text" value="To define the settlement of Old Derry Hill with white gates either end of the settlement ,with an aim of subconsciously slowing down traffic but also to have recognition of the settlement and its name ."/>
Have you been in touch with your local Councillor? Yes/No	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>

***This form needs to be completed and e-mailed or sent to your local town or parish council (link provided below)***

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