



**Buckden Parish Council**  
**Road Safety and Sustainable Transport Open Forum.**  
**Monday 27th September at 7.30pm**  
**Key Points Raised.**

**Silver Street Development approved**

- Traffic situation likely to deteriorate further.
- Need for mitigation measures.
- Traffic Lights will go onto the roundabout (plan attached)
- School expansion will add to parking and school run volumes.
- May be mitigated by fewer children from outside catchment area.

**Cycle Racks**

Need more cycle racks in the village, some of those that are there are not usable. Does it make sense to lose a single parking space to provide cycle racks?

**Silver Street**

- Too much speeding on a narrow road with poor visibility.
- Cycling is dangerous.
- Corner with A1 – overgrown shrubs making for poor visibility. There is a plan to clear this again.
- The 'two way' sign is obscured leading drivers to treat it as a one-way road.
- The 'give way' sign at the chicane is obscured by shrubs
- Is it possible to:
  - 'Cut the corner off' at A1 junction.
  - Use mirrors to improve visibility.
  - Remove the sign for the Offords.
  - Close the central reservation.

**Mill Road**

- Chicane is too close to entrance to Greenway.
- Too much speeding traffic.
- MVAS speed monitors are funded for the road. These can be used to produce speed data.
- Can do Freedom of Information request for police data.
- Do we need signs/lines on Greenway?

### **Mill Road Cycle and Foot Path**

- Too narrow, can't walk with a buggy, conflict with Cyclists.
- It's dangerous,
- Overgrown with big drop to the Road level.
- Lighting is poor.

### **Parking**

- Parking on junctions/parking on pavements in several locations in the village.
- Parking across drop kerbs.
- No dropped kerb at North Lodge. Very difficult for wheelchair users.
- Need for enforcement.
- Council plans to take enforcement role away from police and undertake themselves, using proceeds to improve local infrastructure.

### **Buckden to Huntingdon cycle path**

- Additional Funding received.
- Initial focus on making the crossing (near the car wash) safer.
- Need to address areas where it is overgrown and slippery.
- Too narrow in places.

### **Electric Scooters**

An emerging problem in the village.

### **Crossing Perry Road at A1 junction**

- Is very dangerous and will be worse when changes to the roundabout go in.
- HE have promised some mitigation.
- BPC are meeting with them on 7<sup>th</sup> October and will raise.
- Impact of new cycle ways
- Need to remember that new cycle ways will bring extra people to the village, some by car who will need to park.

### **Increased speeding in the High Street**

Impact of commuters passing through

### **Possible next steps**

Develop an overall traffic mitigation plan for the village.

Is a one-way system a solution to some of the issues?

An additional point that was made after the meeting was

In relation to the potential consequences of the Silver Street development.



Once the traffic lights are up and running at the roundabout people will soon realise that exiting Stirtloe Lane will be significantly safer because of the pauses in traffic when the lights are red. Before long that will become the preferred way of exiting the village.

This however creates a bigger danger for people wanting to enter Stirtloe Lane as the road reverts to single track almost immediately after turning in. The grass verges are so churned up on that side it is dangerous to get anywhere near the edge of the road. Anybody following behind could find themselves stuck on the A1.

Either the road needs widening for a bigger stretch from the junction, or it needs to be one way to reduce this potential safety risk.

It also ultimately begs the question whether SAT NAVs and apps like WAZE will pick this up this route as an alternative when there is congestion on the A1.

### **ACTIONS and Follow up**

Highways and Sustainable Transport group will put together an action plan to address the issues raised at the meeting and we will send that to you when it is completed.