

These comments were made to the final question at the end of the Traffic Safety Survey. They are unedited.

Numbers indicate comments made on paper copies to questions other than the final question.

Q6 - We would also benefit from personal comments as to what you feel are the issues in terms of road safety within the village. Please comment in the free text box below

Keeping signposts with speed limits.

Whatever you do the mums and youngers and whoever likes to speed will still do it and park where they like. The whole High Street should be yellow lined!!

No speed bumps due to damage to cars

People know that if you speed in Milton Ernest you will be fined, the same should happen here.

4. No, because the amount of people the cameras would catch, should pay for the upkeep of the cameras regardless if it all goes into government pocket.

Full length of Mill Road, Templars Way, Church lane, Odell Road, High Street

I live within the 20mph zone. many vehicles do not adhere to the limit (some excessively) and I feel signposting should be improved.

Would be grateful if some kind of speed reduction was applied to Normans Road. It's so frequently used as a short cut by cars plus delivery vehicles going through at great speed. We now have a number of young children living here!!

Maybe it should become a one way street!!!

Urgent action is needed to resolve the daily chaos in the High Street at the end of the school day. A convey of double-decker buses, coaches and cars mixed with the excessive parking by adults collecting children from the primary school, then add in the occasional delivery vehicle leads, too often, to a gridlock situation.

Not only young children and adults but also motorists are at risk of injury as moving vehicles are perilously close to the pavements.

Parking, at this time, is a growing problem with more and more cars using surrounding roads, Park Lane, Home Close and Normans Road in addition to the High Street. Sadly, too

often restrictive road markings are ignored and home-owners access to driveways is compromised.

Home Close has become a parking overflow. Speed is a problem at school times with young children crossing the road between parked cars. Cars park both sides sometimes blocking the road. It would be helpful if parking was done more considerately and a 20mph imposed as in High St.

5. Use speed bumps, cheaper and effective.

There has been no speed related incidents in the last 12 months. This is not good use of taxpayer money

We should invest the money for a better community by helping the elderly.

Zebra crossing at Lodge Road

There is only one pedestrian crossing in Sharnbrook.

At least one more is needed, especially Lodge Road needed for Schoolchildren, pedestrians to church and village hall and playing field, especially wheelchair users.

5. Average speed cameras would sort the problem.

Definitely needed in Mill Road.

The present speed warning light has no effect. Kennell Hill needs to be covered as well - this road is a race track.

We think the current measures work well. There will always be the odd person who doesn't comply, regardless of whatever measures are in place. With average speed cameras the result is typically law abiding people who generally limit their speed with current measures being penalised on the odd occasion which could be massively impactful in the current financial climate. In short they do not pass a "greater good for all" test.

5. No.

Milton Ernest is a special case on a main road with no parking. We already have too much signage and other speed calming measures will cause more pollution with stop start motoring.

4. depending on the extra cost but I'm more yes than no!!

Having lived in Home Close for 45 years, I now consider it is a very dangerous road what with the large numbers of parked cars, many children at certain times of the day in term time, and the fact they cars are allowed to drive up to 30mph from High St's 20mph. The estate should also be 20mph. There are also so many delivery vans, there may be a very tragic accident anytime.

The High St is very dangerous for all. In particular young children and the Elderly. As HGBs park on the pavement and zebra crossing. It is only going to bget worse if there is no restrictions.

AS we live on High Street we would endorse the fact that the speed at which some vehicles coming from the Souldrop direction verges on the maniacal.

Please look at sensible measures as Oakley have 3 average speed check areas that detract me from visiting or passing through the village. My suggestions are:-

1. sleeping policemen at suitable points.
2. chicane/priority flow. This constricts traffic to flow at particular points in the village to one lane.
3. Don't know - I've not seen any

Chicanes on Mill Road, Odell Road and possibly Lodge Road.

4. We also pay Bedford so if Sharnbrook doesn't pay, Bedford does. So what's the difference?

From July 2022 all new cars are fitted with speed limiters that adjust max speed to the local speed limit, 20, 30, 40 mph etc.

So while it will take some time, the problem of speeding is going away - at no cost to residents.

I would be grateful if the Council would confirm its understanding of this.

Reduce road widths where appropriate as is done on the Embankment, Bedford.

No speed bumps!

Average speed cameras are essential across the village.

Average speed cameras are essential

Double yellow line restrictions on High Street should be enforced. Whole of High Street should be a "no parking" zone.

The irresponsible and cavalier attitude to other road users and animals cannot be allowed to continue. The speeds recorded in Mill Road, Templars Way, etc are dangerous.

Were the Parish Council able to determine if the speeds were achieved by one person or were there several inconsiderate drivers? Speed reduction measures are the only way to ensure the safety of Sharnbrook Residents.

Please include all of Mill Road

Can be harrowing if walking on path and car zooms by.

3. I am familiar with all these installations and their intentions, but, do not compare with the roads through Sharnbrook which offer many turning and slowing options.

I see no point in installing, anywhere on Sharnbrook streets as long as there are so many obstructions, turnings, driveways and delivery vehicles, which cause speeding drivers to stop or slow down, thus reducing their average speed, therefore rendering the recording as zero.

When in our car we do stick to the speed restriction signs. Since moving into the village a month ago, we notice some illegal parking on pavements particularly in the High St obstructing footpaths for pedestrians.

Something needs to be done as some vehicles are driven at dangerous speeds.

School times along the High Street when delivery lorries unloading and buses or other large vehicles trying to pass each other and mount the pavement is concerning for pedestrians!

Congestion on the High Street tends to naturally slow traffic during the day but in the evening and at night the 20mph speed limit is regularly exceeded by two and sometimes three times at least! I have a 5 year old and the speed travelled by drivers on the High Street is dangerous for me to come out of my front door with her. Average Speed Cameras have been extremely effective in Milton Ernest and for safety reasons they should be installed on the High St in Sharnbrook too.

Chicanes on Mill Road

Zebra crossings and belisha beacons

1. Mill Road - at the point where the public footpath crosses the road (near railway bridge)
2. Odell Road - Pinchmill Close to Lodge Road.
4. No I don't support their use.

5. No.

This survey is misconceived and should not form the basis of any policy.

Apart from the obvious layout problems (misaligned tick boxes which could generate misunderstandings and errors), the wording of some questions is dubious. In particular, Q4 assumes that the respondent supports the use of average speed cameras when this may not be the case; and Q5 calls for a yes/no response but there is no "no" option, only two versions of "yes". *(Editors Note – Layout errors, although unfortunate, were not an issue in obtaining the results as they were clearly marked by residents with arrows, circles and the like).*

The High St is of concern of road safety

Parking opposite Swan Car Park School buses parking outside cottage's Parents picking up children from school and parking on yellow double lines Car mounting pavements and parking on road by pub.

Please extend the '20' stretch of road going to Souldrop - some people go very fast!

Double yellow lines need on corner of Stileman Way - High Street (opposite Sharnbrook House)

Parked cars hide traffic from those coming down Stileman Way. Have had a couple of misses (near collisions)

5. Ambiguous question

Visible policing and speedtraps

Speed bumps

Concern area - Evening "racing" on Odell Road and using school roundabout as a skid track (wheel spins/handbrake turns).

High speeds have been reached along the very narrow High Street, can be alarming for relaxing country pedestrians, also very dangerous with parked cars.

Also alarming for residents here is the huge articulated trucks using the entrance of the housing estate behind the doctor's surgery to deliver to the factories. I think the council should be informed (also dangerous to children).

People take no notice of yellow lines outside Co-op and zigzag lines outside school.

All measures are appropriate to deal with the idiocy of speeding morons in this village.

4. depending on 1) the cost and 2) the location. Also whether any fines or penalties imposed would be refunded to the Parish Council.

5. 20mph signs to be extended to areas where there are no footpaths, (ie, Yelnow Lane and Park Lane) and where children predominate (ie, near Sports Field/Village Hall).

A 20mph sign would also be appreciated at the entrance to Gibbards Close/Nightingale Way, where the one and only footpath is frequently obstructed by parked vehicles.

3. Some are, some aren't. Those with no entry/exit points between cameras.

Too many entry/exit points for average speed cameras. Full width traffic humps would be more effective.

1. But not cameras

3. I don't know I haven't seen the data

Chicanes, humps, lights prevent speeding. Cameras just profit from it!

Non parking areas outside Co-op should be policed and enforced.

If we have to contribute to the cost via the Parish Precept a percentage of the fines should be payable to the Parish.

Far too many vehicles speed through the village ignoring speed limits, especially the 20mph ones. Urgent action is required to curb.

5. No.

This is a poorly designed survey as it does not allow for graduated responses, eg, Yes for liver (sp?) of village but a big NO to Mill Road and other examples.

5. No - why no option to say no to these?

The average speed camera idea needs a lot more detail to it to be seriously evaluated. Do the creators of this survey realise that there are different speed limits in different parts of the village? How can this be handled with an overall average?

Summary - Yes to speed check in 20mph zone on High St. Possibly in some 30mph zones. No for Mill Road after the railway bridge to A6.

I doubt this will go through. Last time it was tried, the arguments I got "I don't want speed cameras, I'll get done for speeding". Well tough! They need slowing down in the High St especially with little children on a narrow pavement. Odell Road and Mill Road are race tracks. These speeders need to learn.

5. No average speed cameras.

This survey is so biased in favour of speed cameras that it borders on insulting. The residents gave their views some time ago - so another survey to satisfy the whims of one or more outspoken parish council members is a disgrace. Use your time more appropriately or resign.

Speeding takes place all over the village but very bad on Mill Road, Templars Way, and Kennell Hill. It is vital to have speed control but also to stop further housing development which will have a hugely negative impact on traffic, speed and quality of life. No mini roundabout on Mill Road as this would add to cars speeding up/slowing down. Roads and pavements are narrow all over most of the village which is risky enough. Not more houses = no more cars!

5. Reduced need with cameras.

We do not need traffic calming methods, eg, humps or obstructive kerbs. These only cause congestion.

Apart from the speed cameras, can something be done that limits the size of HGVs going through the village on our narrow roads? This is a particular problem on our part of the High Street and results in numerous "near misses" and regular minor collisions. HGVs are forced onto pavements and verges as they are too large to negotiate the corner.

We consider average speed cameras as an important enhancement to the village. They are an economic way of keeping villagers safe.

We would like to see speed humps along the Odell Road if cameras were not installed, equally with Mill Road and Templars Way. Some of the speeds reported in these areas are reckless and dangerous, with school children, dog walkers, cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians all using these roads, safety must be a priority.

Speeding is likely to occur along Odell Rd, Mill Road and Templars Road so it would be more sensible to place cameras along these roads that catch vehicles going too fast. Traffic tends to be slow along the High Street, so average speed is likely to be low even if speeding along other roads.

1. Possibly. Need to know more about proposal. There is an issue with speeding drivers - I would support measures which supported compliance to current speed limits but strongly oppose a 20mph village wide restriction, which seems to be the Borough Council's latest trend.

2. See above.

3. They do control speed where sited but can have unintended consequences diverting speeding cars elsewhere, eg, Park Lane, Loring Road, Lodge Road ... Also residents not travelling past 2nd camera still speed - I've been overtaken in Milton Ernest by someone who turned off.

4. At this time of economic pressure I'd have to know more. If 1 set of cameras = £80,000 average cost per household+ £80 per camera if fully funded. 3 sets £240. A non-starter for me. Need more transparency from Parish Council on what is intended.

5. Change 40mph on Park Lane to 30mph - don't know if it will have any effect though.

This is a poor survey solely intended to push an predetermined agenda. To gain my support I require the Parish Council to be more transparent about the plans - where would cameras be sited, how many sets, what are speed limits to be, what is cost to households. Lack of transparency makes me suspicious of real motives.

In certain parts of the village I would encourage traffic measures but the High St is so packed up it controls speed effectively. Traffic humps would do the job down Mill and Odell Road. With the current economic crisis caused by high energy bills there is no way you should consider asking for funding through council tax. Times are hard enough without other risks!!

Simply put - urgent action is required, speeding is a danger and must be stopped. The Village also has Parking issues at school times.

Speed calming measures.

Poor parking hazardous in village! Bends and hills, eg High St between Loring Road and Ashpoles. Bend on Loring Close.

Ref Highway Code. Also speed of traffic on Souldrop Road since resurfacing MK44 1JU.

We strongly disagree on contributing financially for the speed cameras as they should pay for themselves and create profit through fines.

A few speed bumps in the village would do.

Speed is the major issue in the whole of the village and should be controlled immediately with cameras and/or traffic calming measures.

4. Absolutely no. The Parish Council must be clinically insane to even suggest this!

5. No.

This ballot is being run like a third world tin-pot electoral fraud.

Who is supervising ballot security?

Who is counting the ballots?

What online ballot security has been provided?

How can you expect this ballot to be taken seriously?

Please keep the delivery lorries and car parking on the High Street as this slows the traffic down.

5. Neither

There should be no loading or unloading vehicles during rush hours in the centre of the village. This is a major problem. Parking on the double yellow lines outside the co-op is dangerous to cyclists.

5. No.

Would not support physical traffic calming measures.

As a resident of Lower Furlong, I am daily disappointed by the lack of thought by motorists travelling both ways along Mill Road. The evidence that more than 30% of vehicles break the 30mph speed limit has been overwhelming!

Speeding cars with limited pathways on Mill Road are particularly dangerous for people with special needs and parents with small children.

Whatever measures are introduced need regular enforcement otherwise not cost effective.

Thank you

Speed humps along Templars Way would be very welcome as everyone speeds along here including the school buses and construction lorries!

They do not work

Road Narrowing

Police speed bumps

Islands

One way

Nothing ... is there really speeding or just few cars in 10,000

Speed reduction measures are well overdue for Sharnbrook.

2. This assumes I said Yes to Q1.

3. Don't know, how could I?

4. Definitely not.

5. Maybe - other tools available.

Driver compliance is not just speeding. Parking where you like is also example of poor traffic safety.

There is no problem, only a few idiots.

Mill Lane, maybe. Nowhere else in village.

5. None.

3. Very effective

Speed cameras in 20mph zone only please.

Odell Road continues to be a problem area in terms of speeding traffic, particularly at times when young children are around.

Average speed cameras tend to reduce some drivers to ridiculously low speeds (15mph in 30 limit) causing extreme frustration in anyone behind them. Normal speed cameras would be better - assuming you have sensible speed limits (eg, 50 on Mill Road between the farm shops) the 30mph limit on the Souldrop Road is frankly ludicrous - you're basically saying with this that every country road in the UK should have a 30 limit on it.

I assume average speed cameras will be on ALL roads as we certainly don't want to create "Rat-runs"!

Speed bumps are needed on all residential roads other than the bus routes. This would hopefully put an end to delivery vans thundering around to make their next drop 5-10 seconds earlier!!

Since moving to the area I have been shocked by the non compliance and lack of respect to the speed limit (speaking in terms of what I witness outside my house).

Having worked as a test driver for a number of years I reckon I have a good feel for the speed vehicles are travelling.

From this I estimate the following ;

20% of vehicles keep to the 30 mph speed limit

A further 40% at 31-40 mph

A further 30% at 40-50 mph

And the remaining 10% > 50 mph

It would seem that many drivers view the road as an extension to the A6 of even the 1/4 mile at Santa Pod.

Another thing I see occasionally is a Community Service vehicle which sits on an old bus stop site. What a complete waste of time that is. For one it is visible for 300/400 meters in both directions and usually turns up at 10/11 am or 1/2 pm when the weight of traffic is minimal. I have only once seen it there during a morning rush hour and never in an evening or at a weekend.

Am I correct in thinking that even when it is there it is just acting as a warning and does not issue speeding tickets?

Whatever happened to the old police officers with speed guns? Too expensive with all the cutbacks of course. It's a shame as at present you could collect enough fines in one month to cover two police officers yearly salary.

I do hope something is done to curb the speeding traffic as before too long there will be serious injury or fatality associated to excess speed. If nothing is done I do hope the relevant people will be able to sleep with a clear conscience.

Finally with the building of 500 houses and all the associated traffic that will bring its going to be like living next to a mini M25 on a building site for the next ten years.

I do wonder what things would be like if these issues were occurring in a different part of the village. You certainly feel like a poor relation living to the east of the railway line.

Thank you very much for all your support Sharnbrook Parish Council.

Speeding isn't an issue in Sharnbrook, we haven't had any incidents related to speeding in the last 12 months.

Speed bumps is cheaper and more beneficial for the village.

Other villages didn't have to pay extra to have those measures in place neither should we.

I refuse to pay additional cost for speed cameras and believe that we can explore other measures that can be more effective.

People parking partly on pavements so that prams or wheelchairs can't get through.

Parking opposite junctions at Church Lane and Park Lane.

Parking too close to the junction of Stileman Way and High Street.

Late night speeding round the village.

School busses and HGV's

1. Average speed cameras should be paid for and maintained by those who profit from the fines they incur.

2. Traffic speed is one issue but Traffic flow through the village is also important.

Allowing large private commercial vehicles and cars to park daily on the High Street between Kennel hill corner and The Baptist chapel is creating flow issues.

Short stay parking outside NISA is necessary, all day parking is not.

Both these issues need addressing.

The High Street (amongst all other roads in the village) is awful in terms of vehicles speeding. This poses a high risk to, especially elderly and young people. I would advocate ALL safety measures (speed humps, cameras etc) as well as noise and pollution sensors to moderate and mitigate such senseless and dangerous traffic volumes and behaviours. These measures should be expedited.

Data confirms speeding in the village is an issue

I live on Odell Road and there is no doubt that the speed of some cars has increased over recent years. In addition with a narrow pavement and significantly increased student numbers with the addition of two extra year groups the chances of student injury from vehicles is a concern.

I regularly drive through Renhold where there are speed measures, all of which say they are part of the recoding and reporting scheme- whether this is a deterrent or for real, I don't know, but I have seen a speeder. Whereas in Sharnbrook they rarely work? Could we try this scheme rather than the expense of average speed cameras, which are also a pain.

Other alternatives speed bump on the High Street.

The speed at which cars go along Church Lane/Odell Road is often too high. Many cars ignore the flashing 30 signs. I have personal experience of damage to my property as cars have failed to negotiate the bend by the Church due to high speeds, others have had similar

experiences along this bend. This is particularly concerning as people often park on or near the corner for the church meetings, or when taking their children to school. Perhaps the 20 limit should extend to beyond the bend next to the church?

I know many use this as a short cut to get from villages to A6, perhaps average speed cameras would help to remind them that they have not yet reached the A6.

Traffic is unbearable at school start and end times with both parents and buses going too fast and sometimes driving quite inconsiderately. I find this worrying as the very reason they are travelling into the village is because there is a school nearby and therefore local children walking along sometimes very narrow paths.

I wonder if having traffic lights would help on the High Street, even if it is just at peak times?

I assume average speed cameras are expensive and other measures are cheaper. I would therefore prefer other measures, as long as they look nice.

I prefer to spend money on other things rather than average speed cameras.

1. Congestion. Too many large vehicles using roads not constructed for that purpose. Goods vehicles, school buses.

2. Persons in the village who regularly drive their kids to school in the village.

3. No enforcement of the yellow lines currently in place. How many FPNs have been issued in the last 12,24 months.

4. Convoy of school buses all trying to exit the village at the same time on roads not built for the size of vehicle.

Council tax is high, roads are safe, focus effort elsewhere such as relocating coop to bring safer high street driving.

reduced speed throughout major pedestrian areas, consideration of speed humps where these are practical, very visible signage related to speed cameras, visible impart/reporting of speed camera results and prosecutions

Sharnbrook has other traffic problems far more significant than speeding. The following are more important to address;

- congestion at the High Street / Park Lane junction caused by people parking on the double yellow lines.

- failure to enforce the parking restrictions.

- cyclists riding on pavements (yet another incident in the past week).
- hazards caused by the school-run parking for Sharnbrook Academy on Odell and Lodge Roads.

Lumping the example other villages together does not help - ASCs do not work well in Pavenham and Oakley; are only partially successful in Bromham; but do have an effect in Milton Ernest. The road context in Sharnbrook is different to those villages.

The questionnaire is poorly worded and seems to be trying to lead the witness - has someone on the parish council got a particular bee in their bonnet for seeking the installation of ASCs? Given the number of traffic movements each day, the number of speeders is not high. ASCs would not catch people whose journeys start or end in the village - and that very probably accounts for most of the speed incidents. It would be far better to implement chicanes at key points to cause traffic to be at the right speed, as is proving effective in Irchester, Milton Ernest and on the A428 near Turvey.

The current national financial context also makes it inappropriate to suggest the expense of ASCs now and in coming years. While people are facing considerable struggles to cover energy costs and other inflation challenges it would be wrong to call for ASCs to be funded from either the existing Precept or any extra top-up idea.

Parking along Odell road especially at school times can be hazardous - many cars park on the pavement forcing people into the road. Extreme ends of village are where speeding is most likely, static speed cameras rather than average speed cameras would be more effective at these points.

Speed on Mill Road, blind corners, lack of light and small paths are just waiting for an accident. Average speed cameras through the whole road is the only way to make sure we stay safe!

Speed bumps damage the suspension of any non SUV so please no speed bumps.

Very busy at junctions. Especially at school times. Bollards or something need to be put in place, as there have been several near misses.

Some kind of pedestrian crossing(s) by the park for the children please

Parking on zigzags. Too many cars parked outside the school, with coaches and buses coming through cars do not give way as they should. Frequent jams resulting in stale mate. Double yellows past Nisa towards Kennel Hill. Divert traffic towards souldrop rather than through the village. It just can't cope! Road isn't wide enough for traffic with parked cars. Someone needs to make a difficult, unpopular decision as speed cameras will slow them down but not deal with the main issue which is the volume of traffic

Stileman Way and Glebe rise should be 20mph

Speeding traffic at busy times.

Speed cameras are sadly, long overdue for our village.

High Street: visibility obstructed by on-road parking

Odell Road: speeding

Around the school and on Odell road, there are speeding and dangerous parking (car park on the side blocking the view in bend). Some mechanical approach would be more effective, like chicane or even traffic light. Average speed camera are tricky, people do not pay attention to them, and lots can pay anyway...

Evening and late night speeding especially near the school

Other types of speed reduction have been tried and found ineffective. The only one that may work and that is only partial is to create moving chicanes, which do not stop traffic or halt a single lane, but actually slow down vehicles because it is dangerous not to reduce speed. Even this only works in the areas in which it is located.

There are plenty of parked cars throughout the high st and Odell road which create a chicane effect as well as the various vars throughout the village so no need for further measures.

Speed bumps are just as effective,if not more so..

Traffic calming islands on the high street and speed bumps down kennel hil.

1. where would the cameras be installed
2. will the charge be a one off or ongoing and what is the charge likely to be
3. has there been contact with the councils of the villages where cameras have been installed to see how successful the installation has been
4. what are the alternative measures

Excessive speed on Mill Road; the turning at the top of Kennel Hill onto Templars Way - many cars are too fast as the turning can be taken at high speed - despite there being no clear view around the corner. Parking at the Coop despite double yellow lines - with no enforcement. Odell Road - from the church up to the roundabout for the school - excessive speed - especially during the school run at the start and end of the day.

The speed people travel at through the village is crazy with no Respect for the limits in place.... We live on Mill Road but it just as we'll be the M1!.... it genuinely is ridiculous!...

This type of behaviour is prevalent throughout the village though and really the only sensible and viable option to contain it is Average Speed Cameras!.... we are one of the bigger villages in the area but don't have these in place!... yet all the other much smaller villages do, with probably much smaller numbers of traffic movement!!...

Speeding traffic along Mill Road is frightening.

People not parking properly

Too many school buses

I would agree to speed cameras if the parish council get the revenue!!

Park Lane: Re 20 mph completely ignored by most drivers/'race track' in both directions (sensor evidence. I believe it states in Traffic Regs. using such speed reduction measures, from 30mph, should be supported by another element to draw drivers' attention to the max speed change; not apparent outside Stoney/Home Farm where there are just the 20mph/30 signs. Otherwise a) suggestions to extend 20mph to Three Oaks Farm entrance ie from before 'The Manor' bottleneck, and the 'dangerous when wet/icy hill' notwithstanding 'spring water' this stretch includes several 'concealed entrances'

b) or at least from The Manor or just before Sharn Bridge to High St; c) PLUS putting danger of skidding signs in place; AND 'Beware pedestrians (in road)'

Evidence: in the past, overturned car(s?); more recently photographed ('22) of car passing The Manor on wrong side of road; often 'mirror clashes'.

Vehicles driving on the High Street pavement even when the children are going to school. The size of lorries using the High Street. Many artics are using our access to get to Poddington Garden Centre. We should consider getting the Co op and Nisa to use smaller delivery vehicles over 20 years they have got bigger and bigger.

Many houses grade 2 listed houses in the High Street have no foundations and the vibration of heavy traffic is having an adverse effect.

Very sad we did not take this opportunity when BBC offered it to us. I did not realise there was a survey undertaken to oppose the offer. I am pleased to give my positive support now I have been asked my opinion.

We now have speeding cars through the village and it's a wonder no-one has been killed. Personally I can vouch for the recklessness of drivers coming into the village along Park Lane where they have no idea what lies ahead.

Residents' legitimately parked cars are being damaged by careless driving.

There are frequent total traffic jams along the High Street due to huge lorries coming through on these too small roads. Now Cadent's works has diverted them for 10 weeks or more can we look at permanently diverting the larger trucks unless they are delivering to the village?

There are accidents waiting to happen in the village particularly in the High Street and Church lane. For example I consider the following to be of particular concern.

1. the corner of the High Street and Kennell Hill where drivers regularly drive too fast cut the corner with a high chance of collision. This situation has become worse with larger width vehicles.
2. the section outside the Nisa store and its proximity to the school where parking should be limited to deliveries.
3. the section outside the Coop where parking should be strictly limited to deliveries.
4. the section of the High Street past Church Lane where parking limits the available road width. This situation could be eased if the road was made wider even by a modest amount and there appears to be sufficient space available to do this. This

To address some of these issues immediately I would suggest extending the 20mph speed limit throughout the village to include all entry and exit routes. This is in addition to the use of average speed cameras.

Leaving the A6 a lot of traffic just doesn't reduce its speed accordingly and traffic coming up Kennel Hill often accelerates

People have no consideration for other road users. The High Street is a shambles when schools start and finish to the point of a total jam.

Other speed controls such as speed humps, road width reduction with priority arrows, actual speed cameras on the worst areas.

Can the village mount its own speed checks supported by the local police?

It was disgraceful that the comments made by respondees of the last survey that basically stated that if they had to drive lawfully it would add valuable seconds to their journey. The fact that these comments were valid reasons not to tackle the problem then was disgraceful.

If robbers preferred us to switch off streetlights would we do it!!

I trust that any valid objections to speed control measures will be ignored if they involve law breaking!!

If also like to question why people living on roads suffering speeding motorists should have to rely on the views to the speeders who are dashing to get elsewhere in the village.

I live on Mill Road and regularly see cars speeding past my house. I have, on many occasions, been overtaken by drivers whilst driving at 30mph along Mill Road.

This road is regularly used as a high speed entry point to the village and it is only going to be a matter of time before someone is killed or seriously injured.

The current slow down signs are clearly ineffective.

Narrow pavements on Kennell Hill and the High Street, particularly on the corner. Twinned with speeding cars, school traffic, and the lorries and buses that use the road, it feels dangerous when walking with children.

The speeding in the north High Street is very bad, with drivers regularly mounting the pavement at speed rather than wait a minute.

Cars are regularly being damaged sometimes slightly, but on one recent occasion being written off.

Traffic from the turning FROM Park Lane towards Souldrop and Unilevers at Colworth Science Park is very heavy indeed between 7am to 9.30am and 3pm to 6.30pm and a significant number of vehicles comprising cars, vans and HGVs travel at speeds in excess of 30mph and quite a fair proportion are clearly travelling at speeds of 50 to 60 mph and above. The paths in that part of the village are narrow and as schoolchildren are around during the hours mentioned as are the vulnerable and old people, they are in danger because of the speeds travelled.

The volume of traffic through the Village has increased over the years, and will no doubt increase again once more houses are built. Unfortunately the infrastructure in villages like Sharnbrook can't cope with such large volumes of traffic, but I realise there is no solution to that.

Poor parking doesn't help, especially along the High Street. Vehicles parking inappropriately cause traffic jams and sometimes almost total gridlock. So perhaps parking could be looked at, as well as speed cameras along the straighter stretches of road.

Not in our area but many average speed cameras are misplaced - a particular glaring example is on the road approaching Odell from Sharnbrook. Straight road, no houses = 30 mph?

I would support camera controlled 20mph limit along whole length of High Street from bottom of Kennell Hill to the Souldrop turn. Also along Church Lane.

This is an area with narrow pathways, a mass of parked vehicles and many pedestrians, including young children.

Suggest banning heavy lorry off-loading on High Street between 8.00 to 10.00am and 3.00 to 6.00pm.

Excessive speed in the High Street at all times

Parking on Double Yellow lines creates hazard to other traffic and blocks sight lines at junctions,

Parking on the pedestrian crossing zig \ zags by the school in the High Street creates hazards

(1) drivers approaching the crossing cannot see if pedestrians are about to use the crossing

(2) pedestrians about to use the crossing cannot see if a vehicle is approaching.

As well as Average Speed cameras the adoption of Transit Time cameras should be considered.

We experience a number of very high speed cars driving past us every day. In addition to cars there are large trucks and buses that regularly pass by over the speed limit.

Average speed cameras do not stop speeding for those that live inside the zone, as there is no valid entry point record.

We already pay too much tax and suggest funds be diverted to traffic measures rather than asking for more.

I live on Mill Road and we have a massive issue with speeding traffic which makes walking on the village pavements awful. This is an all day problem but between 5 and 6.30pm is really bad as people leaving work speed to leave the village or get back to their home in the village. Since lockdown we have also had a problem with an increase in cars coming to the village to race up and down Mill Road and revving their engines under the railway bridge. This is usually weekends or after 10pm when groups of fast cars race up and down either turning around at the Fordham triangle or going up Templars way, down the A6 and back along Mill Rd. They also often race side by side even under the railway bridge where visibility means anyone coming in the opposite direction wouldn't stand a chance.

Smiley face in the 20 zone

Average speed cameras are the way forward.

The traffic along Kennell Hill travels nearly always in excess of 30mph the footpath becomes very narrow as you head towards the high street so something, quite clearly, needs to be done. It seems to me that the only option likely to succeed are average speed cameras.

Something needs to be done to stop the amount of drivers (buses, vans, HGV's, cars etc.) mounting the pavement on the High Street, particularly on the opposite side of the road to Nisa and all along that stretch. This is of particular concern when children are walking home from school and the Upper school buses make the High Street too congested, meaning the buses and the cars just mount the path instead of waiting. Bollards should be added to the pavement, or something of that nature before somebody gets hit on the pavement.

Bollards on the pavement to stop buses, lorries and cars driving on the path. Without them it seems that drivers think it is OK to drive on the path rather than being patient. Something needs to be done before someone, probably a school child, gets seriously hurt.

Speed bumps are needed throughout the village. I'm personally affected by speeding drivers especially in Park Lane.

Please prioritise speed cameras on Mill Road, as the speed of some vehicles there is ridiculous.

Poor and illegal parking in the village does not help, nor do the narrow pavements for pedestrian safety. There are far too many large vehicles travelling too quickly in the 30 and 20 zones, and don't get me started on the boy racers.

The only proven effective solution is average speed cameras - as I live by the road, I would oppose chicanes and bump strips as they cause more noise and pollution

Cameras on all routes into the village.

Move the 30MPH sign as you come into the village on Park Lane to start the other side of the railway bridge as it can't be seen until under the bridge.

I commute to Bedford every day and am constantly followed by drivers clearly annoyed that I am sticking to the speed limit. Encouraging them to do so would be helpful and average speed cameras seem like a good way of doing that.

Narrow footpaths in the village centre. Inconsiderate/illegal parking. Some thought needs to be given to street design and traffic calming. Very little enforcement in place.

In the evening many cars travel along Mill Road very fast.

Whilst we support measures to control excessive speed in Sharnbrook, we consider that average speed cameras are totally inappropriate as far as "traffic safety/calming" is concerned.

Driving through Sharnbrook is always hazardous and total concentration on the road ahead, to the sides and behind, is essential. Frequently, particularly at busy times of the day, speeds of much less than 30 mph, or 20 mph, as signposted, are required for safety reasons.

Sharnbrook is particularly hazardous because of the number and positioning of the primary school/zebra crossing, the shops, the blind corners, difficult junctions, the very high number and positioning of residential entry points and because of the narrow roads, made worse by the dependency on roadside parking, and the narrow pavements. Also the fact that it is a throughway, with stopping, for very large vehicles.

Total concentration is required, to monitor the hazards and ensure that the driving speed is appropriate. The presence of average speed cameras, unless they were set for 5mph, increases the safety risk substantially because (a) drivers will be constantly looking down at their speedometer and (b) if the vehicles have a speed preset, that preset could be far too fast for the current conditions.

We fully support speed control measures in the village but consider that average speed cameras will significantly increase in the safety risk because of the distraction they will cause from concentrating on the multiple hazards and, in some cases prompting drivers to drive faster than is appropriate for the conditions.

I'm unsure if this has been considered before as I'm new to Sharnbrook but I've seen one road accident and witnessed such poor road management by people turning right out of Templars Way. As we have the exit onto A6 at the roundabout I was wondering if it is necessary to have a right hand turn out of Templars Way towards Bedford. To turn left is easy but turning across the flow of traffic I feel is an accident waiting to happen.

Drivers know that Sharnbrook is a village that they can happily speed through without financial consequences. If drivers through villages with average speed camera, fines are issued. Does this money help Bedford Borough, if so, even better. There seems to be a lot of boy racing driving and not always by boys! AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS ARE NEEDED AND THE SOONER THE BETTER for the poor people that have to live with this on a daily basis.

The High Street from the Church Lane junction to Souldrop Road has a lot of commuter traffic to and from the Colworth Park site as well as a large amount of HGVs and other freight traffic, buses and residential traffic. Much of this traffic travels at speeds in excess of the 30 mph limit. Other parts of the village have a 20mph limit which would make this stretch of road much safer particularly as many young children walk along it to and from the primary school. The footways in the region of Sharnbrook House are very narrow and because of parking between the car park and Styleman Way large vehicles (buses and lorries) have to get close to the footway to proceed.

To improve safety for pedestrians and vehicles, parking should be banned on the stretch between the car park and Styleman Way.

To reduce speeding on the High Street, a 20 mph limit should be imposed reinforced by average speed cameras and some of the speed information signs (many have been deployed around the village).

Parking on the pavement, particularly Mill Road.

I get very cross as a runner, walker when I have to walk in the road as a car is parked on the pavement!

Flashing Speed sign on Odell Road by the post box is hidden by trees

The key road safety issues in the village are speeding, and drink driving. The roads into the village are plagued with people driving at excessive speeds, which is completely unsafe on narrow, poorly lit roads with lots of hidden entrances. Especially on roads without proper pavements like park Lane, this constitutes a major threat to pedestrians. Other road users like cyclists and horse riders are also at great risk from speeding drivers.

This survey should've also asked whether residents have been, or nearly have been, in a collision with speeding drivers. I'd hazard a guess that a significant amount of residents probably have experienced being put in danger by dangerous driving in this village.

I live along Kennell Hill. Drivers accelerate up and down the Hill at frightening fast speeds at all hours of the day and night. It ruins living in Sharnbrook

It does only prevent speeding between the cameras but not in other access roads which have not been surveyed- like Park Lane in it's entirety. Putting a speed check next to parked cars in the uphill area in the 20 zone does not represent the whole road which is these days very busy.

The speed limit along Mill Rd (from the A6 roundabout to 200m before the railway bridge) should be increased to 40 mph. The houses along this stretch of road are set back well off the road, and passing traffic poses no safety issues to pedestrians, or residents driving from their properties to join Mill Rd, as the road is straight and their vision is not obscured in any way. The current speed limit of 30 mph on the other village roads & 20 mph near the Lower School in the High Street are sensible. No Speed restrictions or ASC will stop the odd few people from speeding, as those people are by nature, selfish and inconsiderate.

With regard to Q3, my answer is only because it was mandatory. I would need to see data before making that judgement call - this question is not a matter of opinion.

On which roads would the average speed cameras be placed?

People drive too fast along Mill Road between the railway bridge and the Spice Tree pub, and also on Kennel Hill. We live in a cul de sac off Mill Road and we regularly see cars and motorbikes speed past at well over the 30mph limit.

Something also needs to be done about the High Street as at times it is pure chaos, particularly during school runs. Is there any way we can re-direct HGV's away from the High Street, with the exception of delivery trucks? If there are to be hundreds of new houses in the village then this will become an even bigger issue.

park lane access to high street; parked cars (obviously more of a problem now than a few decades ago - the number and their width)MK441PY

The parish council's own data suggests that there is a speeding issue in the village, which average speed cameras would address. I am strongly supportive

The vast majority of road users comply with the relevant speed limits. However, the recent speed camera reports have shown a minority of road users speeding through the village at excessive speeds. It is these road users that any action needs to target.

With the cost of living crisis it is absolutely the wrong time to be considering making extra council tax contributions and the parish council should be spending more effort in helping reduce the costs.

keeping signs with speed limits

I would very much welcome average speed cameras but would not want the introduction of speed bumps as drivers simply accelerate in between the humps.

I do not feel there are any particular road safety issues that need to be addressed.

Yes there are occasional rogue drivers that tear up a road from time to time, but it is not the norm or even common and does not cause a significant problem that needs to be addressed.

Therefore any change to current arrangements would not be proportionate to any perceived issue.

We all have to use the roads and so there needs to be give and take, not overreaction.

Indiscriminate parking in High Street and disregard of double yellow lines.

Parking on the zigzag lines by the zebra crossing, especially when dropping of children to the primary school. Parking on the double yellow lines by the co-op. Speeding along the high street at night.

Something to facilitate easier pedestrian crossing over road between High Ston corner by Windmill House & footpath along side of Ouse Manor field

Most of the roads in the 'centre' of the village benefit from many parked cars which create natural barriers to speeding. The section of Mill Road from the entrance to Hill Farm to the A6 should have a 40mph limit, just as Park Lane has.

This questionnaire is very poorly worded:-

Q1 allows for more than a Yes/No answer on this online form, but on the hard copy form only Yes or No is allowed - and the yes/no answers on the hard copy form are very badly aligned to the relevant boxes.

Q4 presumes that I am in support of average speed cameras - which I am not.

Q5 does not allow the answer to be 'NO'

20 mile an hour limits in residential roads such as Home Close, Brittons Close

Traffic calming measures such as speed bumps would be more effective in slowing traffic, especially in the high street but also on the routes as you enter the village - Souldrop Road, Park Lane, Mill Road etc. Also traffic coming from the Unilever Site, as they always speed down Colworth Road and Souldrop Road.

The whole village should be should be 30 miles per hour and the centre of the village 20 miles per hour, but the problem is that all these signs are ignored by most drivers, and it is the same all over the country, and no one seems to know the answer.

There are plenty of other forms of speed restriction measures in stead of cameras which are nothing more than a money making exercise.

Also, why should we contribute towards the cameras

Speeding is a real issue in Sharnbrook especially on Mill Road from / to the A6. Some of the speeds i have personally seen are scary, they are not just a few MPH over but often double and sometimes nearly triple the 30 MPH limit. If nothing is done it is a matter of time before an accident occurs.

There should be the option to say no in q5 - though i support any initiative to reduce speeding.

My worry is that the streets who are impacted the most by speeding (Mill Road, Templars Way) have a disproportionate amount of sway as they are not as populous as those who are not impacted by it, so once again, nothing will happen. I hope I am wrong.

If this absurd building of 500 houses goes ahead as well (why so many? It's so unsustainable on so many levels) then traffic and speeding will only get worse and there'll be an even more disproportionate number of people not impacted by the speeding.

I'd love to see the train station open again to ease traffic through the village which is only going to get worse

The village infra structure is not suitable for the amount of housing being built. There are a lot more vehicles on the road and especially in the village. The speed of some drivers is quite frightening. People overtake on Mill Rd knowing that there is a speed limit and no-one cares because there is no deterrent. My Grand children live on Mill Rd and i fear that some lunatic will knock them off their bikes or even when they are out playing etc??. WE NEED THESE CAMERAS FULL STOP

Please get this whole thing done!! I never did understand why some people were against it, last time around to. The new housing development in the village will only make the whole situation worse!

We regularly walk into the village centre and are extremely concerned at the speeds most drivers travel at when coming into Sharnbrook. We are at a loss to understand why getting some form of speed reduction measures is taking so long and why, when it was installed, the zebra crossing outside the primary school was not raised in order to make vehicles slow down. We are extremely wary of walking down Kennell Hill with our 2year old granddaughter because of the speed of the traffic.

1. Congestion. Too many villagers driving children to school.
2. Congestion. Too many goods vehicles now travelling through the village at peak times. I would like to see a ban on deliveries between certain times.
3. Inconsiderate parking leading to children taking risks crossing roads. I would like to see a total no stopping along the High St at peak times to allow traffic to flow smoothly which in turn would reduce pollution from sitting in traffic.
4. The school bus situation in part is a real issue In the afternoon. Buses leaving in convoy to travel along Church Lane onto the High St. The buses need to be staggered by a few minutes to ease Congestion.

The biggest issue in this village is Congestion caused by all of above.

5. Average speed cameras may reduce speed of vehicles tracking through it, but it displaces bad driving. Once out of the average speed limit, idiots will speed up to make up for the time they have lost.

6. How many injury collisions have there been in Sharnbrook in the last 12, 24, 36 months?
Another revenue exercise and it will catch those who are stressed and have that momentary lapse in concentration that absolutely every one has at times. How many times have we all driven somewhere and can't remember driving through a certain village or point?

6. We live in the most surveillance driven country in Europe and I do not want anymore.

7. On the survey there is no mention of the proposed speed limit or geographic area either.

8. Other measures exist to reduce speed of vehicles without fining. As I say, a momentary lapse in concentration taking you a couple of mph above the speed limit would result in a fine.

Speed camera/indicator showing the cars registration number and speed in real time should be a possible deterrent. It reminds drivers that their vehicle details are there to be recorded.

People parking on the High Street outside the Co-Op too close to the junction with Park Lane.

Here in Mill Road we see a large number of speeders (over 40mph in a 30mph limit zone)
The occasional appearance of the Police makes very little difference as they are obliged to be obvious and most passing cars slow down to about 15mph.(From personal observation)

I would imagine the same problems exist in Odell Road as I invariably have some clown hanging onto my rear bumper if I travel at the signposted limit. Smiley faces are just a diversion, a fine and points on one's licence are a deterrent, what do we want, a few happy speed crazy drivers or a few dead pedestrians?

Dangerous/Illegal parking outside the primary school and Home close, speeding on Mill road and Odell road

Too many speeding vehicles especially in and out of the village

Mill Road is an accident waiting to happen - cars go far too quickly, and the path is v narrow meaning cars are too close to pedestrians if there are two cars going on the road at the same time. Speed needs to come down. Anything in addition to average speed cameras to bring speed down would be beneficial

Should only be used in built up areas of the village.

If proceeds of fines were to go to the village then I would support the council using funds to put the cameras in place.

The recorded speeds on the speed traps already in the village are a concern particularly when there are two schools in the village.

Engine noise especially early in the morning is a more significant issue than speeding.

- Speeding naturally,
- parking outside the Co op, particularly across the junction with Park Lane
- access from Park Lane onto the High Street, lots seen to look right, then pull out as people are travelling up the High Street past the parks cars
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Average Speed Cameras are a good thing from a safety, quality of life and environmental point of view.

On pavement parking in residential streets also needs tackling. Fox hedge way is effectively a car park outside of working hours.

In my opinion the roadway outside the co-op should also be a no stopping zone -the junction with park lane makes stopped vehicles on the double yellow awkward and dangerous.

The speed figures published are very worrying. I would support the Parish Council in trying to put in measures to help this.

Poor parking on the High Street contributes to safety concerns - cars speed round parked cars and pedestrians have to cross between parked cars, also HGVs are often seen having to drive on the pavement to get along the High Street. Safety measures need to be on roads going in to the High Street as well as High Street itself, eg Odell Road, Home Close, Park Lane, Templars Way.

Speed, parking, non compliance of the Highway Code. - driving on pavements.

The parents picking up and dropping off from the schools are the main issue. They park everywhere causing problems for pedestrians, other drivers and residents.

Speed monitors beside the road are effective when placed sensibly.

The monitor on Kennel Hill is in a stupid position immediately before a sharp bend. Cars are bound to slow down. There was a monitor on Park Lane some while ago just before the The High Street junction - again a silly position. If we need one on Kennel Hill it should be at the top of the hill not at the bottom.

you keep asking us and we keep telling you - no speed cameras in sharnbrook. how many times do we have to say it. this is now bullying and harressing the community. can u leave us alone - what do you think.

if you want to raise tax lower the council workers salaries.

I do not see how the implementation of speed cameras is an effective measure and good use of public funds. Drivers are generally sensible in the Sharnbrook area and having average speed cameras is an unnecessary additional stress placed on the village. The signage in place showing drivers their speed with smiley/frowny faces is in my view the best measure to avoid speeding and the best use of public money

Selfish parking

Parking should be restricted in the High Street, possibly to residents only for the benefit of those with no access to off-street parking facilities.

I feel parking and congestion are a bigger risk to the village especially during peak school times. At those times speed is not the issue.

Speed - particularly at night plus parking - terrible parking in the village making it difficult to see when coming out of side roads and people parking on kerbs

Parking along the high street is a problem area. Evening time is notorious for speeding vehicles.

Inconsiderate parking

Parking on yellow lines

School busses

Construction Traffic