

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Highways & General Purposes Committee – 9th November 2022

045/23H **Public Participation:** The Public Participation session opened at 7.32pm. Three members of the public joined the meeting.

One member of the public wished to speak. He advised that he was attending the meeting as part of the Well Hill Neighbourhood Watch group, who are trying to establish some traffic calming measures along the stretch of Hambledon Road known as Well Hill. Three of the Well Hill Neighbourhood Watch group attended a recent clinic run by Flick Drummond MP, who was very sympathetic to the issue, and said that she was going to put some pressure onto Hampshire Highways.

The member of the public also handed in a copy of the consultation questionnaire regarding traffic calming measures on Forest Road completed by himself, and asked for a response to his comments.

The Chairman explained that the consultation is ongoing, and so committee members have not yet had the opportunity to look at all of the comments received.

The Chairman and other committee members went on to explain that Well Hill is not suitable for buildouts or pinch-points, as it is hilly, and the road is not straight. During Phase 1 of highways improvements, the Parish Council looked to install gateway signs at all entrance points of the village and were advised by Hampshire Highways that this would not be possible at Well Hill as the road was too narrow. Forest Road is currently being considered for traffic calming measures as the road is straight and there is a clear line of sight along it. The Parish Council do not approve visibility splays (Winchester City Council is the planning authority), and do not have speed camera equipment to carry out checks. There are only 5 members of Speedwatch currently, who are all volunteers, and Speedwatch can only operate at police-approved locations. Well Hill has not been approved as a Speedwatch location.

The Chairman sympathised with the member of the public. Another committee member explained that buildouts and pinch-points cannot be installed without a clear line of visibility, nor can they be installed opposite a driveway.

Further discussion followed about the mobile smiley face speed sign, which is moved periodically around the village.

The Chairman closed the Public Participation session at 7.42pm.