

Chideock Parish Clerk

Subject: A35 Charmouth to Yellowham Hill Scheme - Chideock

Hello

WSP has been commissioned by Highways England to undertake a route safety treatment study along the A35 between Charmouth Roundabout and Yellowham Hill.

This is a safety study along the strategic road which does not include any specific cyclist or pedestrian improvements. However as it is an improvement to a part of the strategic road network, in accordance with Design Manual for Roads and Bridges GG 142 "Walking, Cycling and Horse-Riding Assessment and Review" (WCHAR) we must liaise with key stakeholders to understand their specific needs and concerns in relation to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The outcome of the WCHAR reports for this safety scheme will be presented as opportunities to be included in future schemes.

From previous projects along this length of the A35 we are aware of the following Chideock Parish Councils views relating to Chideock:

The Chideock Parish Clerk provided some comments and concerns from the residents of Chideock, which included the following key points relating to pedestrian safety, severance and vehicle speeds on the A35 in Chideock:

- HGVs travel at inappropriate speeds through Chideock in order to have enough momentum to travel up the hills at both ends of the village;
- Additional measures are required to control the speed of vehicles in Chideock;
- Consider the implementation of weight restrictions on the A35, and the re-routing of long distance HGV traffic;
- Additional safe crossing areas are needed throughout the village;
- Children and elderly pedestrians are particularly vulnerable when having to cross the A35;
- Inadequate footway provision, and some properties have doorways that open directly onto the carriageway;
- Some sections of footway have an excessive crossfall, which can be dangerous for wheelchair users;
- No cycle lanes on the A35 in Chideock;
- Lack of bus stop lay-bys, which frequently leads to traffic congestion and delays when buses stop in the village;
- Refuse vehicles on collection days can also cause traffic congestion and delays when they stop along the A35;
- Inadequate width of the A35 to the east of the village for vehicles to pass equestrians or cyclists on the uphill section of carriageway, which can cause traffic congestion and delays;
- Traffic causes noise and vibration issues throughout the village;
- Drivers currently slow down for the existing speed cameras and then speed up when they have passed them – consider the provision of average speed cameras;
- Improved 'village gateway' signing at both ends of the village should be considered;
- The entrance to the public footpath / bridleway to Seatown is difficult to access for pedestrians due to the absence of a footway beside the A35 in this location (which also has limited visibility along the A35 in both directions at the end of the public footpath).

Would you please inform me of any updates to these comments or of any other issues not mentioned so far.

If you are not the correct person to contact to discuss the above, please could you pass this email onto the appropriate person.

Many thanks

Regards

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