

Chideock Parish Clerk

Subject:

A35 Charmouth to Yellowham Hill Scheme - Chideock

Dear Ms Liggins

Re: A35 Charmouth to Yellowham Hill Study

Chideock Parish Council thanks you for your email of 25 May 2021 concerning your commission by Highways England to undertake a route safety treatment study along the A35 between Charmouth Roundabout and Yellowham Hill.

However councillors are confused since it is their understanding that this Study had been under way since late 2018 and that HE were to publish their findings at the end of April 2021. Indeed, it was understood that this was on the Agenda at the Strategic A35 Meeting chaired by Chris Loder MP in April of this year. Therefore the Parish Council would be very grateful if you would explain the status of the Study to which you refer.

With particular reference to the points you raise in your email, the Parish Council can confirm that all these were covered by the WSP Chideock Safety and Severance Study (published January 2019) although only 4 of the 16 issues identified by WSP were actually considered for taking forward, and of those 4 so far 2 appear to have been shelved and there appears to be uncertainty about the status of the remaining 2. Of the bullet points listed in your email, the Parish Council confirms that all these are still issues of great concern to the village, none have been remedied and indeed all have continued to get progressively worse.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Sal Robinson
Chideock Parish Clerk