

Danny Yee – Davenant Rd – Traffic Calming and Enhancement of Tree Pits

Our primary concern here is that chicanes can, with some levels of traffic, create a hostile environment for cycling. Examples of this include Rymer's Lane before the Cowley LTNs and Kingston Rd at busy times of day, where the badly designed bypasses may actually make the chicanes worse.

We would like to suggest two broader policy measures:

Firstly, we ask that measurements of traffic volumes and speeds be included in consultations on schemes that involve traffic calming, as it is hard to evaluate either the need for the schemes or how well they will work without that information. Indeed this information could usefully be included with most highways schemes - measures of vehicle and pedestrian flows would have been useful to have with the Frenchay Rd scheme, for example.

Secondly, we would like to see the county establish, as part of its work on the Street Design Guide, a policy on traffic calming measures, addressing when they are appropriate, what form they should take, and how locations needing them should be prioritised. This would largely be based on research into policies and standards and studies, from both the UK and overseas.

Without such guidance, traffic calming measures will continue to be introduced in an ad hoc fashion, driven by a few residents or individual councillors in particular locations.