

CMD Transport Management – 5th September – Proposed Traffic Calming – B4027, Wheatley Rd, Islip.

Representing Islip Parish Council and many residents of the village.

With respect, our view is that the proposal for a single hump on the south side of the bridge is insufficient. The Wheatley Road runs uphill from the south side of the bridge and round a bend with a wood abutting its western edge. A public footpath emerges onto the road from the wood and because of the trees there is no view of vehicles coming down the hill. Approaching vehicles have to be detected by their sound, not much use if they are electric.

On the eastern side of the road the Oxfordshire Way runs along a narrow verge beside the road and when using it walkers are vulnerable to passing traffic. Many vehicles speed up and down the hill well in excess of the 20mph speed limit. This road is being used by approximately 28,000 vehicles per week. Data from the village Speedwatch indicates that many vehicles travel well above the 20mph limit both up and down the hill.

The heavy usage of the bridge is necessitating the introduction of traffic lights on the bridge. During the successful trials of these lights our observations demonstrated that the two sets of cushions installed on the hill resulted in virtually no vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

We request that these cushions be installed permanently on the hill either with or without the hump at the bridge. Cushions have the advantage of giving a smooth ride for ambulances and buses.

The problems of heavy traffic through Islip are immense. Please consider the experience and observation of those who have to live with it daily.

Dennis Price, Chair of the Islip Parish Council.