**WBCIR:19454**

**I would like to request information regarding the traffic calming measures introduced on London Road through Arborfield village. Clarification on location - The route from Observer way roundabout from A327 to Arborfield cross roundabout. The road that the number 3 bus takes.** **Specifically, I would like details on:**

**1.            Reasons for Implementation:**

**o             The key reasons behind the decision to introduce traffic calming measures.**

**o             Any reports, studies, or consultations that informed the decision.**

The traffic calming measures were implemented as part of a planning condition for Arborfield relief road :

Condition No.6 stipulates : *“The road hereby approved shall not be opened for public use until a design for environmental and traffic management improvements within Arborfield is submitted to and approved in writing is given by the Local Planning Authority. Once approved, this scheme shall be implemented in full no later than two years from the date of the road opening for public use, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.”    -  Reason: To maintain the highway network within Arborfield village for local use.*

The scheme had two rounds of consultations with residents and Wokingham borough council worked closely with Arborfield parish council and steering group throughout all the design stage ( The Parish took the lead on local requirements, and this reflected their aspirations from their Neighbourhood & Village plans) . The consultations were followed by a preliminary design report outlining the design proposals and answers from residents. Other reports/studies took place such as Traffic modelling, Road safety audits stage 1,2,3 and 4.

**2.            Pre-Implementation Data (Two Years Prior to Introduction):**

**o             The number and nature of road traffic accidents on London Road in Arborfield.**

**o             Any recorded instances of excess speeding prosecutions or enforcement actions.**

August 2020 to August 2022 – 0

 August 2022 – implementation works.

**3.            Post-Implementation Data:**

**o             The number and nature of road traffic accidents since the measures were introduced.**

**o             Any recorded instances of excess speeding prosecutions or enforcement actions post-implementation.**

September 2022 to July 2024 – 0

 CrashMap currently records data up to July 2024.

**4.            Monitoring and Evaluation:**

**o             Any ongoing or periodic monitoring of the effectiveness of the traffic calming measures.**

There have been in total three Road Safety Audits post construction.

**o             Details of any assessments or reviews conducted to measure their success.**

A Road Safety Audit Stag 3 was undertaken after the scheme opened. A road Safety Audit state 4 was completed 1 year after the scheme was opened.

**o             Whether the council considers these measures to have been successful in improving road safety.**

The Road Safety Audit Stage 4 shows that there are no safety issues with the scheme and comments that "Anecdotal evidence suggests that excess speed and driving under the influence of drink/drugs were factors in at least some of the collisions causing damage to the signage.

**5. What was the initial reason for the project and proposed costs and timeliness.**

**o Did the project overrun and was the budget exceeded,  if so by much and what were the reasons.**

Project was delivered within budget and on programme.

**o Can you also provide the costs of maintaining the traffic calming system and repair per each traffic incident causing damage to the system.**

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| **Unit no.** | **Road** | **Location** | **Date Completed** | **Cost** |
| S352[1-2} | Reading Road | On build out outside "Windwhsitle"/"Homestead" | 05/02/2024 | £6,352.54 |
| S362[1-2] | Reading Road | Approx. 230m southeast of Walden Avenue junction | 15/08/2024 | £4,932.18 |
| S372[1-2] | Reading Road | Approx. 275m northwest of Arborfield Cross rbt | 05/02/2024 | £5,525.84 |
| S382[1-2] | Reading Road | Approx. 125m northwest of Arborfield Cross rbt | 05/02/2024 | £5,390.47 |
| S012[1-2] | Sindlesham Road | O/s "Luckley Farm" 210m north of Arobrfield X rbt | 06/03/2024 | £5,105.53 |
| S472[1-2] | Eversley Road | Approximately 20m north of "Little Targetts" | 08/02/2024 | £6,238.10 |
| S012[1-2] | Swallowfield Road | Outside "Field House" opp. Arborfield Park car park | 07/02/2024 | £4,976.77 |
| **Total** |  |  |  | **£38,521.43** |