



W E S T B E R G H O L T P A R I S H C O U N C I L

Traffic Working Party Report

Meeting held Wednesday 16th June 2010.

Councillors present Bernard Colbron, John Gili-Ross, Harry Stone.
Apologies David Short.

1 Working Party Aims:

The following were identified as the Aims of the project:

- Safety for all when moving about the Village, but in particular children and the elderly
- Returning the streets to the people - promoting ease of movement for pedestrians and cyclists rather than cars
- Reduce unnecessary journeys by car
- Work in co-operation with the School - e.g. "Heathland's Travel Plan
- Proposals should be in keeping with a rural setting

2 Ideal scenario to achieve these Aims

Any modifications to our present traffic situation centre around two major innovations:

- The introduction of a 20 MPH limit for all roads within the triangle formed by Colchester Road, Lexden Road and Chapel Road. This is under active consideration by CBC and could be introduced to any village making such a request within the next year.
- Making New Church Road and School Lane into one way systems with traffic moving in a Westerly / Northerly directions respectively

These two developments would be accompanied by several more minor modifications, e.g.

- Parking restrictions around connecting road junctions to New Church Road
- Parking restrictions in area opposite footpath from Mumford Close to New Church Road
- Areas for parking in New Church Road on right hand side in designated areas shown by thin white lines
- Possible cycling path established on left hand side of New Church Road.
- Where possible more clear views created at junctions, e.g. New Church Road into Lexden Road, School Lane into Colchester Road.
- Addition of another pedestrian crossing in Chapel Road to the Co-op side of bus stop. This would assist people crossing from the bus in the direction of Mumford Road, help parents with prams to negotiate a route from this area to the school which avoids the dangerous New Church Road junction with Chapel Road and contribute to the slowing of traffic in Chapel Road.

3 Milestones:

The following sequence of events is now envisaged to move this process forward:

- Share these ideas with the full Parish Council - Modify and develop as appropriate
- Engage with ECC Highways explaining where we want to go, understanding the implementation barriers whilst gaining the support to get there
- Involve the school, incorporating any plans they are or have developed
- Involve any potential businesses as partners, e.g. Co-op and Pharmacy
- Set up consultation exercise with village residents and begin an education process.

