

Nordelph Village Road Safety Report

In Autumn 2005, Nordelph Parish Council commissioned and received a comprehensive in-depth road safety report, prepared by one of its councillors with relevant experience. This illustrated report is attached. This present document summarises those issues raised that are of most concern to the Council.

The Council stresses that its concerns for the safety of its residents is long standing and deeply felt. It is heartened by the observations in the report that many of these proposals already form part of published strategies, most notably those from the Department for Transport and the Borough Council's own Transport Policy Statement.

The following issues are those taken from the report where the Parish Council is most eager to see timely and decisive action.

1. Reduce the speed of traffic approaching or passing through the village on the A1122

The speed limit here is presently 40mph, and there are no measures in place to enforce this, beyond statutory speed limit markers. Damage is repeatedly caused to properties on this road. There is a comprehensive range of possible speed limiting measures referenced in the report.

2. Reduce the speed of traffic travelling along High Street and its extension as Birchfield Road

The limit here is presently 30mph. There are no traffic calming measures in place, regardless of the fact that many properties front directly onto the street, and that the area around the public staithe is a popular play area for young people.

3. Improve safety on the B1094 Silt Road

This road is unrestricted except within the built-up portion of the village, regardless of the fact that it has many dwellings, and is used not only by motorists but also by pedestrians, cyclists and riders. As detailed in the report, bus stops along this road (even within the village) are not supported by pavements, much less by any form of shelter from the weather.

4. Improve pedestrian facilities within the village

The last remaining public amenity within the village is the Post Office. There is no footpath to it, nor is it close to any bus stop; hence it is effectively unreachable.

In order to hasten expediency, Nordelph Parish Council would appreciate site discussions between specific parish councillors and the appropriate officers of Norfolk County Council to resolve issues raised above and to further discuss those long term issues included in the safety report.