

RESULTS OF THE MAY 2024 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES CONSULTATION

In May, Westleton residents participated in a survey asking which of the traffic calming measures, first presented in February, would still be wanted in the event that EDF and the local Councils approved the installation of Average Speed Cameras on the B1125 at the entrance and exit of the village.

Many thanks to the many residents who submitted their views.

The first question asked whether residents supported the installation of Average Speed Cameras (ASC). The unanimous response was “Yes”. Assuming that ASC will be installed, the results of the subsequent questions were:

Residents supported:

- White fencing on the road verge (previously referred to as “Gates”) at either end of the village on the B1125
- A one-way system around the Argyll House traffic island
- An island with 3 parking bays in front of the church entrance
- More parking by Village Hall than had been proposed in February plans
- All the proposed double yellow lines
- A hard buildout for the crossing to the playing field.

Residents did NOT support:

- Coloured paint or coloured tarmac on the roads
- A raised road in the middle of the village
- 3 pink pedestrian crossings in middle of village
- The measures proposed for crossings from the Green to the residences on the Street.

The B1125 Working Group (EDF, traffic consultants, local Councils, and Westleton, Blythburgh and Walberswick Parish Councils) met on 11 June. At that meeting, EDF and the local Councils confirmed that they will install ASC in Westleton.

Westleton Parish Council welcomed the decision and then presented the results of the consultation.

EDF and the Councils agreed to amend the February plans accordingly. In addition:

- Their amendments will include making adjustments to allow the church traffic island to be installed while also maintaining the existing parking spaces in front of the Village Hall. This should be possible as the pedestrian crossings are no longer a part of the plans.

- The Parish Council asked that the double yellow line opposite the shop ends before the road rounds the corner in front of “EM Caines” –this should be possible because the pedestrian crossings are no longer a part of the plans.
- The Parish Council asked that the white fencing at the entrance to the village and their associated 30mph signs, and the ASC, be moved south along the Reckford road – i.e. further away from the Reckford Road housing. The request will be considered but the answer will be determined by the location of the boundary of the village.
- The hard build-out for the playing field crossing will only be possible if the streetlight complies with the required technical criteria.
- The Parish Council asked that the traffic consultants look again at the Dunwich Road junction to see if they can make it safer.

EDF, its traffic consultants and the local Councils will present the changes at a meeting within 4 weeks. The plans will then undergo legal and technical approval (Q3 and Q4 2024), and the cameras and measures will be installed Q1/Q2 2025.

Westleton Parish Council
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