

Fairfield Village Community Village Response

Dear Committee members

Many thanks for your response to my recent report.

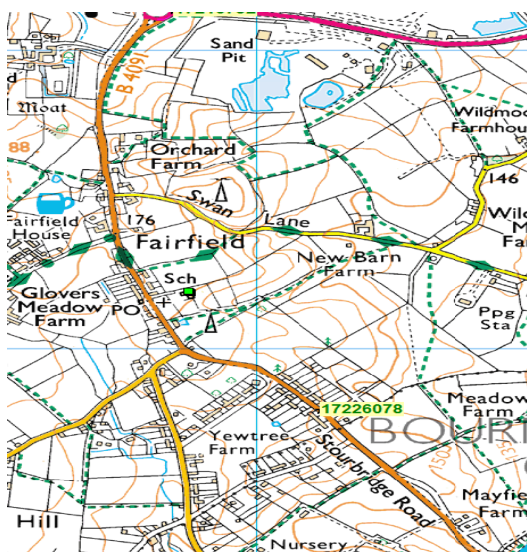
Thank you, Conrad for confirming your various emails requesting raised tables on Stourbridge Road. As I understand it our Highways Engineer, Mr Richard Clewer, had confirmed raised tables would not be an option for Fairfield in his response via email, therefore any further requests have to be made either to the Parish Council or to WCC direct via the website, hence the reason for me asking for any reference numbers for any issues outstanding and the raised tables request.

WCC prioritise the implementation of road safety engineering measures such as traffic calming based on the potential to reduce road casualty accidents. The B4091 through Fairfield has a relatively low accident rate and so is not currently a priority location. The accident data over the last 3 years for the area is shown below and that accident was very likely due to intoxication or falling asleep at wheel

I haven't been able to identify any specific policies that prevent traffic calming on strategic routes but high HGV volumes, buses and emergency vehicle access all must be taken into account when determining the most appropriate measures and this route would not be conducive to vertical traffic calming.

I have also attached a community speed toolkit that has been produced by West Mercia Police in partnership with WCC. This document outlines what community groups can consider to raise awareness and reduce traffic speeds.

You will also be aware, thanks to the Parish Council for financing it, the hard standing is now complete, and enforcement can take place in two areas of Fairfield once the Safer Roads Partnership are back at work. I have also asked local police from our Safer Neighbourhood Team to show some presence in Fairfield when time allows.



Yew Tree Lane Junction

Below is a statement from our Road Safety Audit Team,

Regarding the creation of a pedestrian crossing over the Yew Tree Lane junction, I can confirm that I would not support such a facility and agree with the initial comments made by our TICT team colleagues. The raised garden and surrounding hedge line of the residential property (Number 25) that bounds the south-eastern quadrant of this junction is such that no visibility between crossing pedestrian and approaching driver is available. This means that those walking in a northern direction towards the Village facilities, will be dangerously exposed to unseen approaching vehicles which increases the likelihood of pedestrian injury should a vehicle collide with them. Please see the below Google Earth grab.

The only way a formalised pedestrian crossing could be considered at this location would be if Yew Tree Lane were realigned so that the junction is taken away from the corner property and visibility improved. However, this is unlikely and cost prohibitive.

In conclusion, instead of pursuing a pedestrian crossing over the Yew Tree Lane junction, I suggest and recommend attention is focused on crossing users over Stourbridge Road at suitably 'safe' locations (recorded prevailing traffic speeds will help determine this) so that they can access those facilities located towards the northern area of the Village.



Swan Lane





With reference to the drains on Swan Lane, as you can see from the above pictures, most of the drains have been cleared recently, apart from two, which you quite rightly pointed out. These two have both got broken drain covers and therefore could not be cleared without the new drain cover to replace. This will be done as soon as possible.



Whilst I was at Swan Lane, I noticed a couple of trees where overhanging the lane, I have reported these to be cut back. They will probably have been done before you receive this report.

Going forward I would like to suggest all issues the FVCA have within their village and indeed the surrounding villages to report all issues to the Parish Council who will then log with WCC, or direct to the Worcestershire County Council website via

www.worcestershire.gov.uk / report

This way all issues or requests will be given a reference number which then can be chased up by myself or officers if the job is not completed or a reason given. I just do not want anything slipping through the system, this way everything is traceable and accountable.

As always, I remain available to discuss any issues FVCA has. I do work closely with the Parish Council also and between us all I think we can rectify any issues that are outstanding.

With many thanks and kind regards

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