

EDINGTON Development plan 2030

Highways, traffic and transport

Main areas identified to investigate:

- Key problem areas for research identified as:
 - Inappropriate Speed
 - Narrow roads
 - Volume of traffic
 - Visibility
 - Pedestrian access
 - Public parking
 - Insufficient parking at pub/shop
- These areas developed into the following subjects for investigation:
 - Public parking including parking restrictions
 - Co-ordinated approach with other local villages to reduce large goods vehicles
 - Viability of bus services, car share, link schemes, taxi services, 3 villages minibus
 - Street-lights
 - Maintenance (signs, bushes, gully clearing), use of Parish steward
 - Footpaths
 - Speed limits (20mph special case)
 - Use of technology to assist

Update on investigation (to date):

Public parking including parking restrictions:

Research / Conclusions to date:

Process for obtaining is complex:

Request to be sponsored by parish council.

Request is put in a pot along with rest of Wiltshire and priorities identified based on needs and available funding, so would be competing with the rest of the Wiltshire towns and villages.

If selected, order then considered and if it meets legal criteria, processed.

A small percentage of requests are processed annually – no numbers as to percentage of successful applications.

Cost is a factor – making the order is expensive –

Enforcement is a civil matter carried out by Wiltshire Council and supposed to be self funding.....

Police try not to get involved and they are only likely to act when there is a perceived public safety requirement eg parking around junctions or causing an obstruction.

Recommendations:

Unlikely that formal restrictions would be introduced in Edington unless supported by the parish council, and even then, they are unlikely to make it to the top of a priority list given other parking issues in the county and available funding.

Even if they were introduced, enforcement is unlikely to be a priority in a rural environment.

Therefore, informal activity suggested including:

Ensuring suitable & sufficient spaces provided through planning process for new developments, residential and business.

Sourcing additional off-street parking to help with problem areas although likely to need funding.

Brokering private arrangements between individuals.

Co-ordinated approach with other local villages to reduce large goods vehicles

Ongoing activity

Viability of bus services, car share, link schemes, taxi services, 3 villages minibus

Research / conclusions:

- Wiltshire LIFT SHARE ... <https://liftshare.com/uk/community/wiltshire>. The scheme uses the nationwide Liftshare software. Lift share states that it is the largest car-sharing network in the UK. ,<http://carshare.liftshare.com/>
- Develop use with all neighbouring villages.
- Encourage more shared use of vehicles.
- Discuss with FOUR VILLAGES LINK to utilise, expand and organise lift share?
- Discuss options with Save our Buses! <http://www.bettertransport.org.uk/save-our-buses>
- Obtain accurate information on bus use ...Details from Bus Companies and villagers.
- Encourage more local use of buses. Appropriate times etc.
- Four Villages Mini Bus Shortage of drivers? Medical needed at 70. Currently paid by individuals. Parish Council to cover this cost?
- More use of Mini Bus may further reduce use of other bus services or promote use with link up service to Devizes/ Westbury/ Warminster

Recommendation:

TBC

Street-lights

Ongoing activity

Maintenance (signs, bushes, gulley clearing), use of Parish steward

Research / Conclusions:

Evidence in the village of the use of the Parish Steward and the benefit delivered.

Recommendation :

Ongoing use of resource (targeted priority list to be developed)

Footpaths

Ongoing activity

Speed limits (20mph special case)

Research / Conclusions:

Local authorities are encouraged to apply the lower limits

Must be in areas of particular need (road deaths, schools, elderly etc.) and must be accompanied by new traffic calming systems.

Edington unlikely to qualify for consideration?

Recommendation:

TBC

Use of technology to assist

Research/Conclusions:

Use of speed indicators in other local villages (examples). (Is there one available to use in Edington already?)

A number of companies produce products.

Managed service? / Training requirement? / Funding? / Locations?

Recommendation:

TBC