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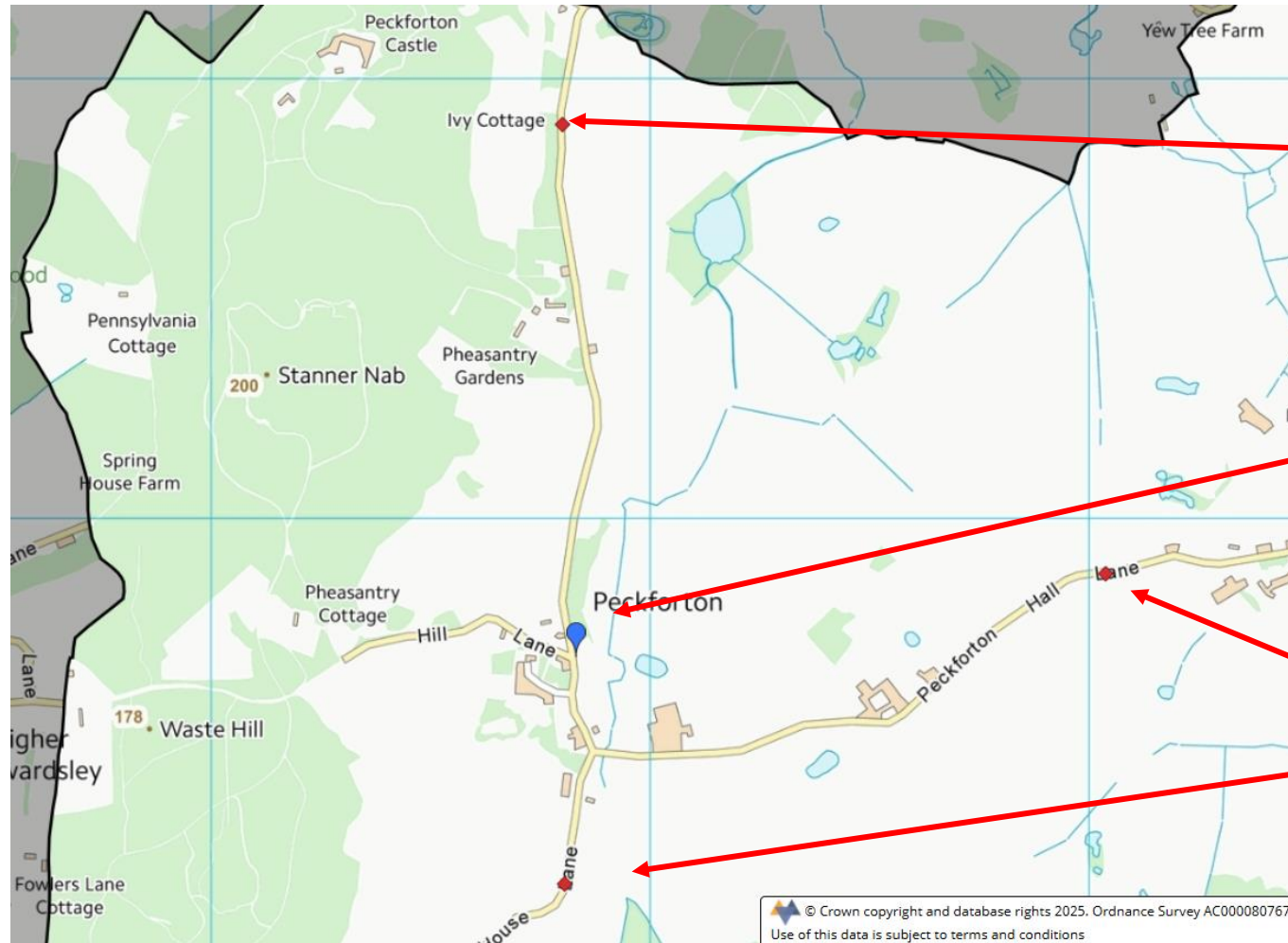# Peckforton Road Speed Issue

Update for March 2025 Parish Meeting

Update

- In regular contact with CE Highways (Aki Tsakonas) on the speed issue
- Meeting held May 2024 set out initial plan of work:-
  - Achieved more detailed understanding of how limits are decided, why there was no response to the report submitted to highways by the 'Speeding sub Group), etc.
  - Anomaly between Peckforton and neighbouring Beeston, Bunbury and Spurstow acknowledged.
  - Speed Monitoring agreed.
  - Jointly (with community) revisit the Priortisation Matrix which determines whether Highways will pay for the necessary speed control measures, signs etc.
- Speed monitoring through centre of village completed June 2024
- Meeting held February 2025
  - Further review of Speed Monitoring data from 2024 and 2022 carried out in conjunction with Highways.
  - Detailed discussion on how we move thing forward

Speed Monitoring Locations

Speed Monitoring Results
Stone House Lane

- 2024 Data
  - Location – Village Centre
  - +/- 680 vehicle movements per day
  - Average speed = 24.5 mph
  - 85th percentile = 30 mph
  - Max speed observed 5 vehicles in range 60-65 mph
- Data Supports 40 mph limit

- 2022 Data
  - Location StoneHouse Lane
  - +/- 450 vehicle movements per day
  - Average Speed = 27 mph
  - 85th percentile = 35 mph
- Data Supports 40 mph limit

Speed Monitoring Results Peckforton Hall Lane

- 2022 Data
  - Location Peckforton Hall Lane
  - +/- 300 vehicle movements per day
  - Average Speed = 31.5 mph
  - 85th percentile = 37.5 mph

- Data Supports 40 mph limit

The 85th percentile speed is the speed at or below which 85 percent of the drivers travel on a road segment. Motorists traveling above the 85th percentile speed are considered to be exceeding the safe and reasonable speed for road and traffic conditions.

A Quick Comparison – Stonehouse Lane Peckforton and Long Lane Spurstow

Category	Location	
	Peckforton	**Spurstow/Haughton 40 mph Zone**
Speed Limit	60 MPH	40 MPH
Length of Road (miles)	1.1	2
No of Houses opening direct onto road	27	42
Housing density (houses per mile)	24.55	21
Pubs	N	1
Hotels	1	N
Farms	Y	Y
Estates/Feed-ins/Development in Depth	Quarry Bank	Haughton (next to Nags Head)
Roads Feeding In	3	3
Shops/Schools	N	N
Development Both sides of road	Y	Y
Pedestrian and Cycle Activity through the day	Y	Y
Horse activity	Y	Y
Provision for Pedestrains/Cyclists and Possible Warning Signs	N	N

- Key Issues
  - Both Cheshire East
  - Peckforton 60 mph, Spurstow 40 mph
  - Housing density higher in Peckforton
  - All other factors broadly similar

- Other Anomalies
  - Beeston 40 mph and 30 mph
  - A49 through Bunbury 30mph
  - Peckforton Hall Lane (Spurstow) 30mph
  - Whole raft of inconsistencies with Cheshire East's 'Speed Management Strategy Document' and the situation in Peckforton

Categories taken from Department for Transport guidance document (Circular 1/2013 Setting Local Speed Limits).

Current Situation

- Anomaly between Peckforton and neighbouring Parishes acknowledged

- Speed monitoring data supports 40 mph limit

- CEH (Aki Tsakonas), believes Police would support 40 mph limit
  - If 30 mph then they have to proactively 'police' it

- Cost to install signs etc. est'd at +/- £20,000 (source CE Highways)

- Parish income +/- £3,200 pa. of which > 50% goes on administration and legal costs
  - (Clerk fees, insurances, website maintenance, compueter licences etc. etc.)

To obtain CE Funding we need to score higher on the Prioritisation Matrix

**Current Score 37 .. Needs to be > 55 and ideally > 60
for Highways to fund it.**

A Bridge Too Far.....

- On the face of it yes....
- In practice......

We have an opportunity!

A more detailed look at the Prioritisation Matrix

- Score as determined by CE Highways March 2023 (in isolation of the community) 37

- Anomalies/items to question
  - **Level of Pedestrian activity** – Score 3 (medium)
    - Can we argue high and score 5 -> Net +2 (we're on the Sandstone Trail)
  - **Is this a residential area** – Score zero
    - Yes = 5, No = 0. I would argue this and data from Spurstow comparison supports this. -> Net +5
  - **How many Tourist Attractions or Leisure Facilities are in close proximity** – Score 1
    - Assessment assumed 1 to 3. Could we argue more..
    - Elephant & Castle, Sandstone Trail, Peckforton Castle, - on route to Beeston Castle, Village Hall, … If we get 4 or more then Net +1
  - **Neighbourhood Engagement - Other Organisations (e.g. Resident associations, Speed Watch Groups** – Score zero
    - What about Village Hall Committee, the Peckforton Speeding & Highways Subgroup… We scored zero, If we get just one then we score Net +5

And the BIG ONE … Local Concern

	F - LOCAL CONCERN			
28	Number of recorded resident and/or stakeholder concern for vulnerable road user safety on CONFIRM? (In Past 3 Years) (0 = 0, 1 to 2 = 5, 3 or More = 10)	0		0
29	Do more than half of the recorded concerns above reference traffic speeds causing social issues (Severance)? (Yes = 10, No = 0)	No		0
30	Does this location directly link into existing or proposed active travel schemes? Links to an existing scheme=10, Links to a proposed or scheme in design=7, Links to a 'scheme on a 'wish list'=4, Does not link to any active travel scheme=0	Does not link to any active travel scheme		0
31	Are educational measures a suitable first response? Yes=2, No=0	No		0
32	Are enforcement measures a suitable response? Yes=2, No=0	No		0

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Current score Zero

1-2 we score 5

> 3 we score 10

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Do more than half of the recorded concerns above reference traffic speeds causing social issues

Current score Zero

> If answer is 'yes' we score ANOTHER 10

What to Report

- Any items of concern relating to road safety where you feel a speeding vehicle created a dangerous situation.

- Examples
  - 'I was waiting with children for school bus on Peckforton Hall Lane. A car came past me so fast I had to push my children into the hedge' to protect them from being hit. I do feel that the 60-mph speed through Peckforton Village is dangerous and should be reduced.

  - I was out running along Stonehouse Lane and a vehicle went past me at high speed narrowly missing me. There is no pavement on Stonehouse Lane, and there was nowhere for me to go to get out of the way. I would ask that CE Highways give serious consideration to reducing the speed limit through Peckforton Village.

  - etc. etc. etc

How to Report

- Google Cheshire East Highways report a pothole or other road condition issue.
  - https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways_and_roads/road-maintenance/report-a-road-issue.aspx
- Select 'Report or track road condition issue.

How to Report

- Enter Postcode or Road and Place Name and hit 'Search'

- Click the location on the Map and a Green Circle Will Appear.

- Select 'Road (Carriageway) from the category column

- Hit 'Continue

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Report or view local issues

Enter a postcode, or a road and place name:
e.g. 'CW11 1HZ' or 'Delamere Street, Crewe'
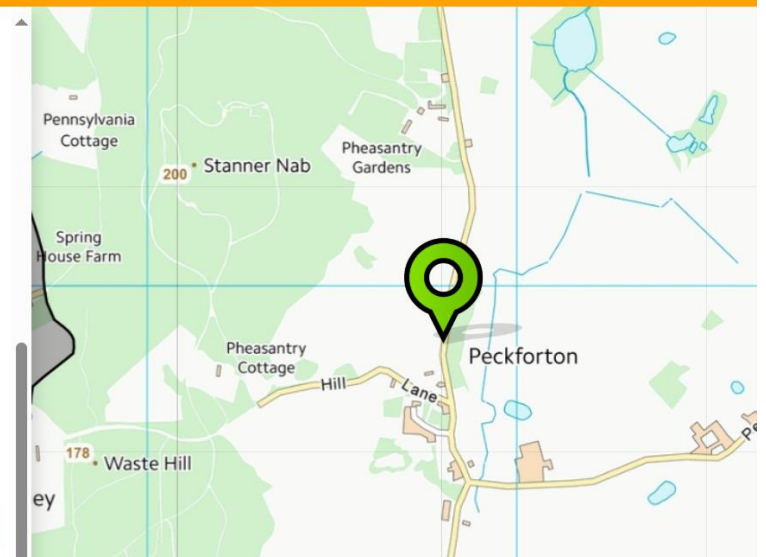
[   ] Search for location

◄ Use my current location

How to report a problem

1 Enter a postcode, or a road and place name

2 Locate the problem on a map of the area

3 Enter details of the problem

4 Confirm the report and Cheshire East Council will investigate
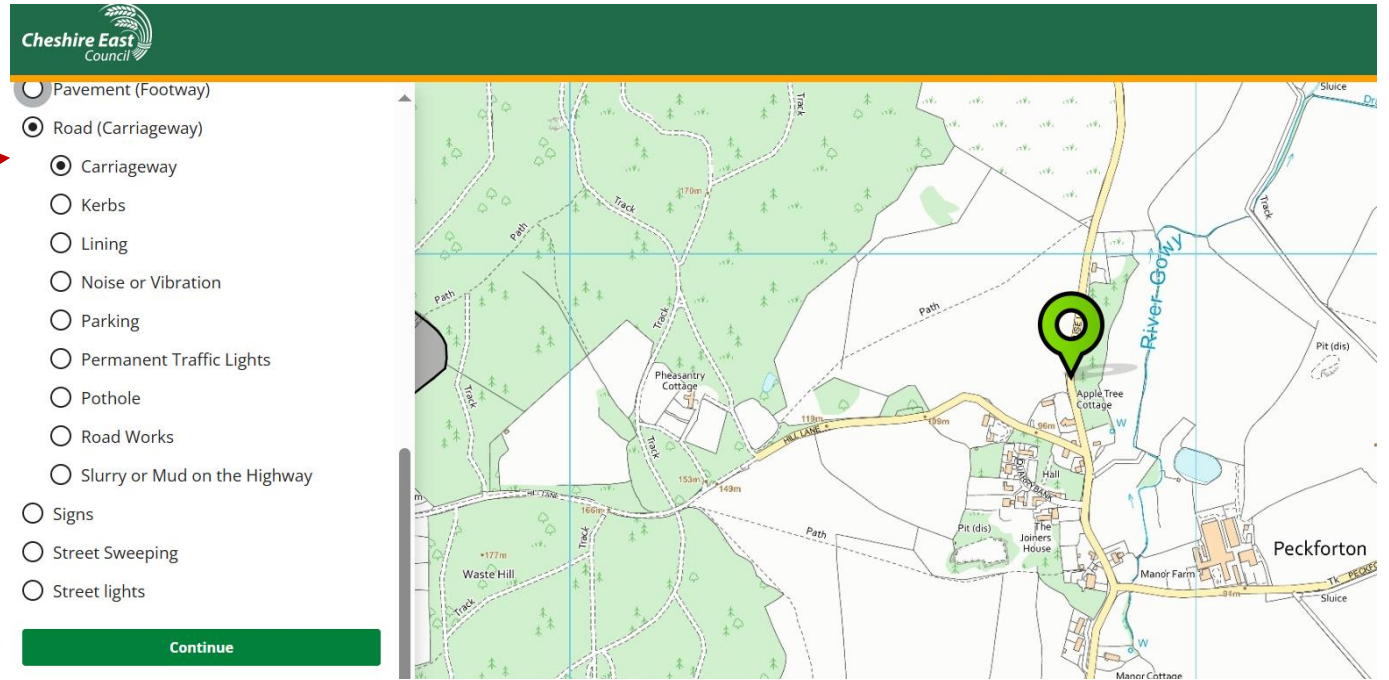

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○ Fly Tipping
○ Graffiti
○ Gritting and Grit Bins
○ Hedge, Trees and Verges
○ Litter and Bins
○ Needles, Syringes or Glass
○ Pavement (Footway)
◉ Road (Carriageway)
○ Signs
○ Street Sweeping
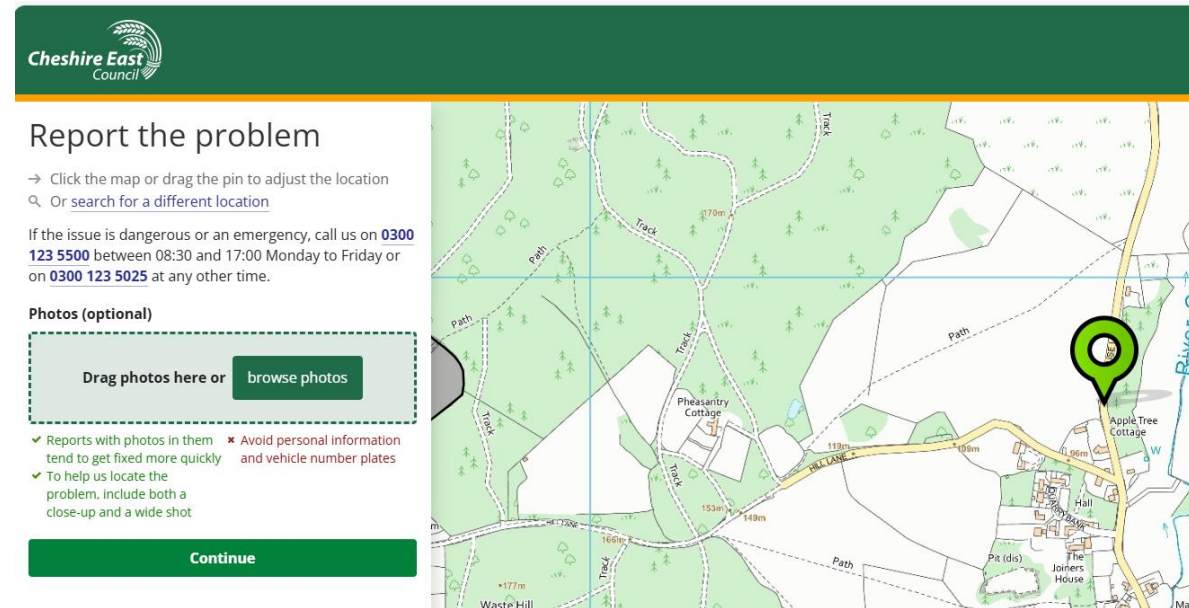○ Street lights

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How to Report

- Road (Carriageway) Sub Category
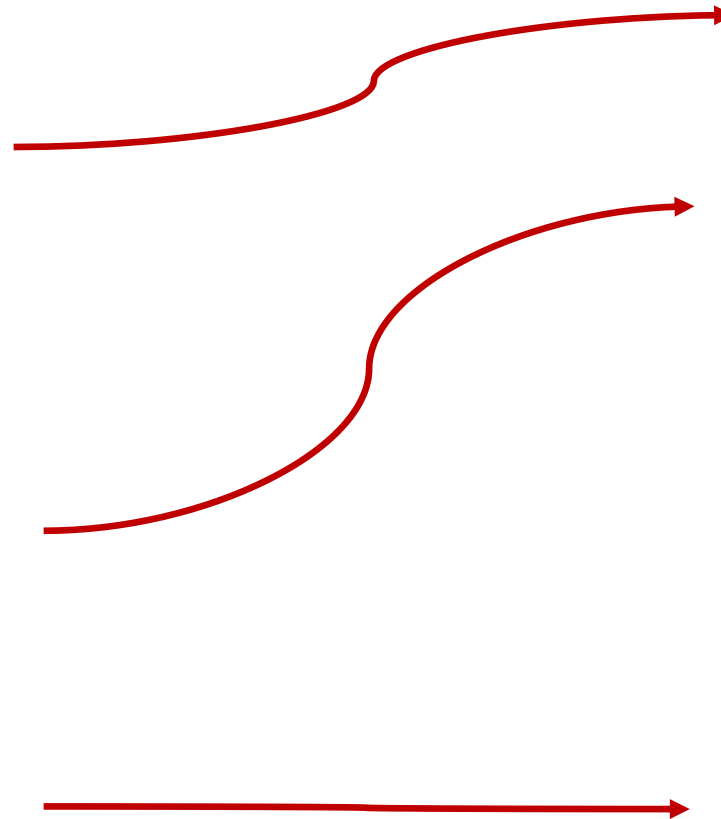 - Select Carriageway
  - And then 'Continue'

- Add picture if you want to or just hit Continue

How to Report

- Report The Problem

- Location
  - e.g. StoneHouse Lane Intersection with Hill Lane

- Explain what happened
  - Enter details here

- Continue
  - Complete personal details

We publish these details online for others to see, in accordance with our privacy policy.

Location of the problem
Exact location, including any landmarks

Explain what's wrong
e.g. 'This pothole has been here for two months and...'

✔ Be polite
✔ Use exact locations
✔ Say how long the issue's been present

✘ Don't identify or accuse other people
✘ Don't include private contact details in the description

🔒 Next: Tell us about you

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In Summary…….

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- Click the location on the Map and a Green Circle Will Appear.
- Select 'Road (Carriageway) from the category column and hit 'Continue'
- Select 'Carriageway as the subcategory and hit 'Continue'
- Add picture if you want to or just hit Continue
- Enter Location and description of the issue/concern and hit 'Continue'
- Enter your details.

Impact

Current score on Prioritisation Matrix   **37**

- Level of pedestrian activity   +2
- Is this a residential area   +5
- How many Tourist Attractions   +1
- Neighbourhood engagement (Village Hall, Speeding Group, etc.)   +5
- Local Concern   +20

Total   **70**

Target >55 and ideally > 60

Next Steps

- Revisit scores – all categories but in particular: -
    - Neighbourhood Engagement – Village Hall/What other groups do we have?
    - Tourist Attractions – Can we brainstorm and find 4.
    - Residential area – We need to argue the case for 'Yes'

- ***Report on Highways - Do we want to go for this?***
    - If 'Yes' we need to start
    - Are people 'up for' this?

- If we all start writing next week, I think they will 'smell a rat', but if they start to see two of three per month coming through, then it will really bolster our case.

- Suggestion
    - When you see something, make a note and email me and Chris
        - peckfortonparishchair@gmail.com
        - Peckfortonparishclerk@gmail.com

- If we've less than three 👍 we'll ask you to submit. If more than 3 we'll ask you to submit next month.

- Thoughts…?

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And Finally….

We have a commitment from Aki Tsakonas

at Cheshire East Highways to re-run the Prioritisation Matrix later this year… Timing to be agreed with the Parish.

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