

PALGRAVE PARISH COMMUNITY-LED PLAN - OPEN FORUM/WORKSHOP

SESSION 2 23RD JUNE 2017

GROUP THINKING - ROADS & TRAFFIC

Prior to this group activity a brief introduction was provided on the evolution of the current road network, noting the many more tracks that existed (see 1927 OS map in the lounge of the Community Centre) and the previous status of Rose Lane/ Lower Rose Lane/Upper Rose Lane and Lion Road as the A143 with the associated widening and realignment that took place, and construction of the Scole and Stuston bypasses.

The reasons why routes are selected was explained, personal choices being based on least distance, least time or least cost, and by way of example the impact of the completion of dualling of the A11 resulting in satnavs now recommending the most 'efficient' route between Newmarket and the A140 onwards is via Thetford and the A1066 instead of Bury St Edmunds and the A143. Patterns of traffic and uses of certain routes could then be better understood, as can the potential impact of nearby development on travel patterns, traffic flows and increased trips and volumes. The recent Police Speed Data Recorder information and earlier Highways traffic count data can be used to evidence these in terms of volumes and speeds prior to a wide area traffic study as part of the work connected with the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan.

1.

- Speed Camera or Speed Bumps on Lion Road where it comes into Palgrave from Wortham
- Footpaths from Denmark Hill into Fair Green and [Upper] Rose Lane into Victoria Road

2.

- 20 mile/hr speed limit through village
- Narrowing of Lion Road
- Priory Road crossroads - improve for pedestrians
- Staged speed reduction in Lion Road from west
- Staged speed reduction in [Upper] Rose Lane from east
- Church Terrace ['Access Only' road] - stop off
- Improve Victoria Road (Diss) traffic flow (to lessen inclination to take alternative route through Palgrave)
- Close Crossing Road
- Do like the old A11 through Elveden - white lines for a single central carriageway

3.

- Palgrave/Diss Bypass linking A143 to A1066 along with some road closures
- Shutting some roads - Crossing Road and Priory Road
- Introducing Traffic Calming methods - Lion Road and Denmark Hill
- Lower speed limits on the smaller roads
- LED lighting in the village

4.

- Block roads - Crossing Road; All roads (significant impact)
- Calming/Narrowing - Lion Road, Upper Rose Lane, Denmark Hill
- Diss Bypass - [reduce traffic using] Victoria Road
- Footways/Footpaths - white line paths [at side of carriageway]; Denmark Hill footway; chicaning Upper Rose Lane, Lion Road, Denmark Hill; footpath to northern Diss
- 20 mile/hr speed limits
- Crossroads at Priory Road junction

Note: the concept of a new link road between the A1066 Victoria Road, opposite Vinces Road, and the A143 at its nearest point, using the existing bridge carrying Upper/Lower Rose Lane over the railway, had been introduced to workshop participants. This link road would facilitate other road closures including the level crossing at Crossing Road and may help explain some suggestions above. Residents of Lion Road present and others were supportive of the closure of Lion Road at the edge of the village, to prevent traffic from Wortham direction still coming through the village centre either to a new link road as above or still using Denmark Hill, if resulting in a significant reduction in through traffic.

There still remains the need to consider a link between the A143 and A1066 west of Palgrave village.