

Correspondence

b) Email from resident concerning the current sleeping policemen on Hall Lane

Dear Councillor Ford and Willington Parish Council,

I wrote to you in August 2020 concerning the 'sleeping policemen' placed on Hall Lane, Willington. This road is no longer a busy thoroughfare for the village and is only used for access to the local houses after the 'Willington House Hotel' was demolished and the Derby and Burton buses no longer use this route.

I feel the high density of the traffic calming used, is damaging our cars, I have spoken to many regular users around the village who are also in agreement.

We feel they should now be replaced with something less aggressive, or removed completely, as they are now outdated with today's road safety system and no longer needed for this area of the village that now has less traffic use.

Please could you revisit this concern which many residents and users feel is so unnecessary for our village. I would also be interested in an update from the Highways Authority.

Kind regards,

From: Willington PC Clerk <Clerk@willingtonpc.org.uk>
Date: 18 September 2020 at 08:45:12 BST
Subject: RE: Sleeping Policemen Hall Lane, Willington

Good morning

Further to your email below, I can confirm that this was considered at the last Council meeting. Whilst Councillors were very sympathetic with your concerns, it was felt that if this traffic calming was removed, they would have to be replaced with alternative measures, as removal of these would certainly encourage excess speed and would present a more dangerous situation for local residents, pedestrians and other road users.

Derbyshire County Council are the Highways Authority, and I note that in his email Cllr Ford has agreed to contact them with this request.

I am sorry I can not be of any further help at this time.

Best regards

Locum Parish Clerk
Willington Parish Council

Sent: 21 August 2020 14:17
To: clerk@willingtonpc.org.uk
Cc: [Martyn Ford](#)
Subject: Fwd: Sleeping Policemen Hall Lane, Willington

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Dear Willington Parish Council,

Please see my email below to Martyn Ford and his response.

Please could the Parish Council look into removing; or replacing the sleeping policemen, as it is felt by a majority in Willington and those who travel in, that there are too many on the road and they are too high, which is causing many issues to our cars!

As Martyn has stated: "This type of traffic calming is now rarely installed for the reasons you state". I feel now the buses are not running through this side of the village they need to be removed and a less destructive system put in place, if it was felt it was needed.

Please let me know when this may appear on your agenda as I would like to attend your meeting.

Kindest Regards,

From: "Martyn Ford (Elected Members)" <Martyn.Ford@derbyshire.gov.uk>

Date: 21 August 2020 at 12:46:17 BST

Subject: RE: Sleeping Policemen Hall Lane, Willington

Many thanks for your e mail.

I can certainly contact Highways with this request, they are and always have been a "Curates Egg" for many. Might I advise you also contact the Parish Council to get their views, I'm sure whilst many would support this request, the same will be said for those who wish to keep them in place. This type of traffic calming is now rarely installed for the reasons you state and are subject to consultation with several bodies, so I doubt you will see any of these in Findern village, as you state we don't have any on the main route, only around the village green,

Kindest,

Cllr Martyn Ford,
Etwall & Repton Division DCC,
Chairman Planning Committee,
Leader South Derbyshire District Council,
Willington & Findern Ward,
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Sent: 20 August 2020 21:05

To: Martyn Ford (Elected Members) <Martyn.Ford@derbyshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Sleeping Policemen Hall Lane, Willington

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Dear Martyn,

Please could you help or direct me to someone who can? I live on Coach Way, Willington and drive daily down Hall Lane, which has a high number of sleeping policeman installed.

I feel they were put in when there was a regular public and school bus service to slow the buses down as they travelled through the village.

My problem is that there are a number of very 'high raised' sleeping policemen, the road around them seem very low, which I feel are really aggressive on a cars suspension and feel they now need replacing, or taking out completely.

I understand this road is near to the Village Primary School and are installed for the safety of our children, but now the buses no longer come through the Village they could be removed, or replaced with something far less severe? I note that Findern has far less sleeping policemen than Willington, if any?

Please could you advise, I am fed up of driving around Willington and feeling as I am on an daily assault course!

Kind Regards,