

Feedback report

Oakhanger traffic calming proposal

Public feedback

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1.0 Introduction

Proposals for a traffic calming scheme in Oakhanger have been developed to mitigate against the anticipated increase in traffic volumes expected as a result of the regeneration of Whitehill & Bordon and to deal with a perceived speeding problem through the village.

Hampshire County Council, in partnership with the local community, has considered a range of options to deliver the necessary improvements. The proposed scheme consists of the following elements:

- upgrade of two existing buildouts at the northern and southern end of the village green;
- installation of four new buildouts, with associated signing and lining, on the northern and southern approaches to the village and in the village centre; and
- construction of a new section of footway approximately 1.8m wide and 90m in length adjacent to the southbound carriageway.

The scheme's objectives/benefits are to:

- Discourage through-traffic from using Oakhanger as a route from the A325 to the B3004 by interrupting the flow of vehicles travelling through the village;
- enhance pedestrian access and safety within the village by providing a missing footway link on Oakhanger Road; and
- encourage vehicles travelling through the village to drive at an appropriate speed by introducing various features that require drivers to slow down.

An exhibition was held at Oakhanger Village Hall on Wednesday, 7 November 2018 between 4pm and 8pm. Residents and other interested parties were invited to attend, view the proposals and speak with the County Council officers who have developed the scheme. Over 100 residents turned up to the event.

Public consultation on the proposals took place between Wednesday, 7 November 2018 and Wednesday, 19 December 2018. Paper copies of the survey form were made available at the exhibition and could either be completed on the day or sent back via a freepost envelope. The questionnaire was also made available online along with the exhibition plans and information that are still available to view on the scheme website.

This report has been written with the aim to both present the questionnaire results and summarise common themes raised in the comments section of the questionnaire.

2.0 Summary of Results

Overall, a total of 80 responses was received by Hampshire County Council's Strategic Transport team. Of these, 66 responses were paper questionnaires and 13 responses were completed online via the scheme's website. One letter received and the comments recorded in this report.

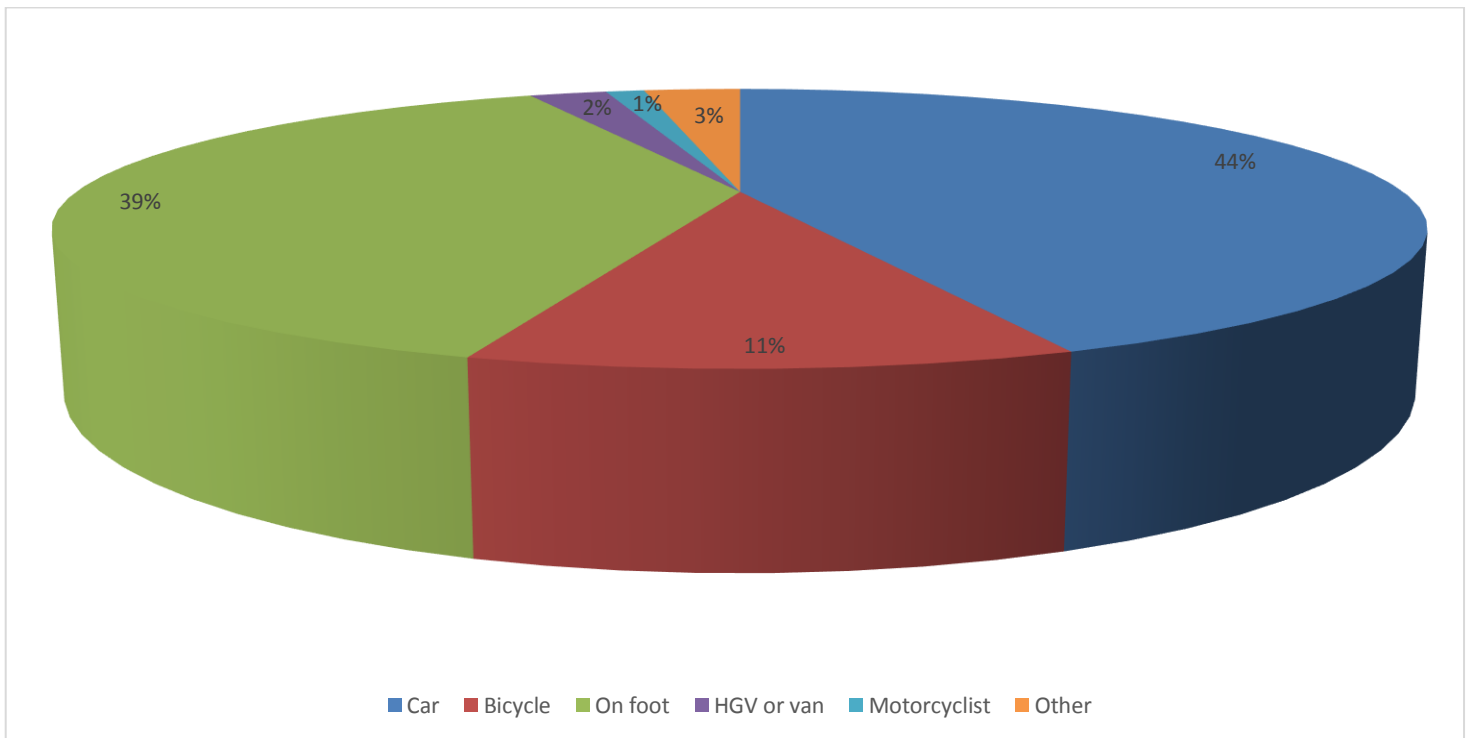
The responses to the paper questionnaires appear to show a considerable level of support for the scheme and its objectives. The responses received online showed a lower level of support but may have been completed by respondents who were unable to attend the exhibitions and therefore did not have an opportunity to discuss their concerns with the Hampshire County Council representatives.

Please note that not all respondents provided additional comments. All comments received were recorded as part of this consultation.

3.0 Analysis of Questionnaire Responses

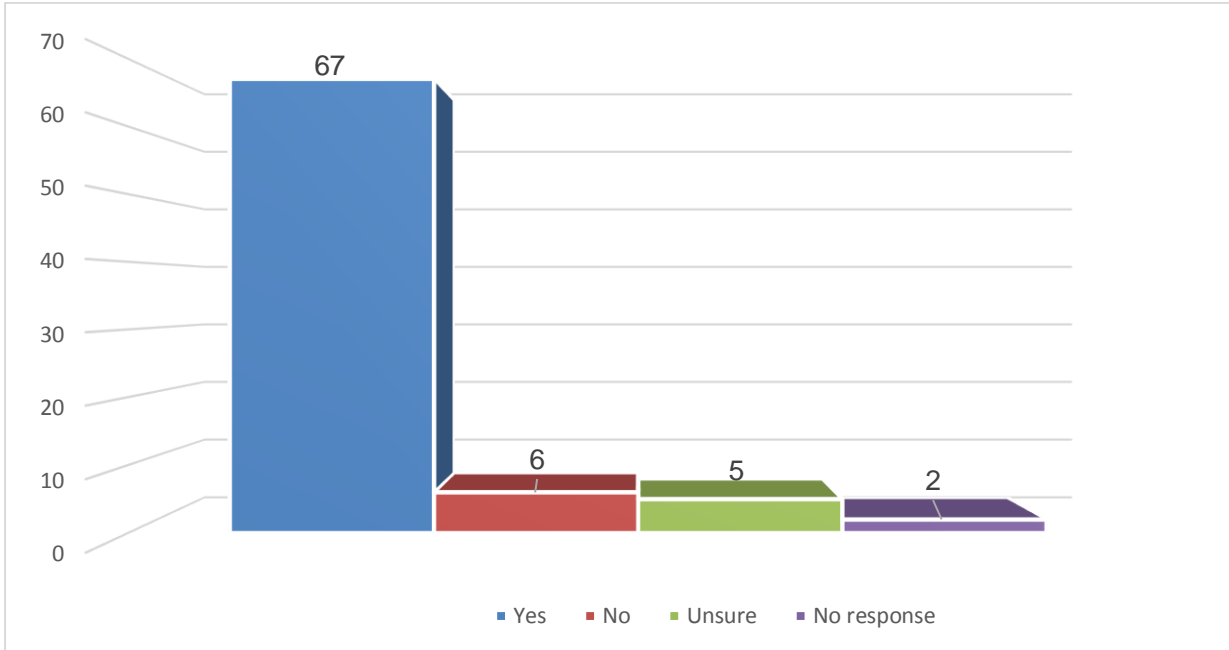
All residents and other stakeholders who attended the public consultation were invited to complete a questionnaire. It contained a number of questions with an option to comment, to express the level of support for the scheme proposal and to provide an opportunity to raise any concerns and identify areas for further consideration. The consultation was also available on the scheme webpage and the feedback from online responses and emails are also included in this analysis.

Question 1: Q1 How do you normally travel along/around Oakhanger Village? (please tick all that apply)



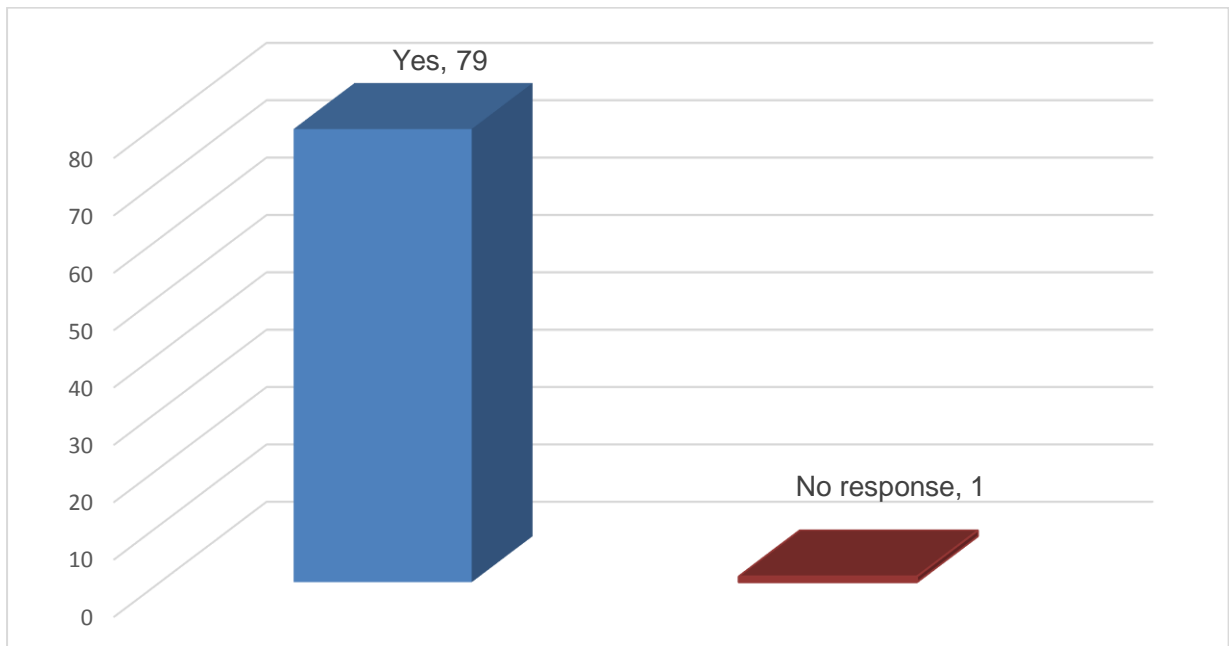
Question 2: Do you support the introduction of more priority buildouts within Oakhanger?

A large majority of respondents (84%) expressed their support for the introduction of additional priority buildouts on Oakhanger Road. The most common reasons given to explain 'no' or 'unsure' responses were concerns that buildouts may actually encourage drivers to speed up rather than slow down on the approaches. Some respondents suggested alternative measures such as average speed cameras or speed humps/tables.



Question 3: Do you support the introduction of a new section of footway from opposite High View to the Village Green?

The construction of the missing footway link on Oakhanger Road was supported by 99% of respondents. No objections to this element of the scheme were received.



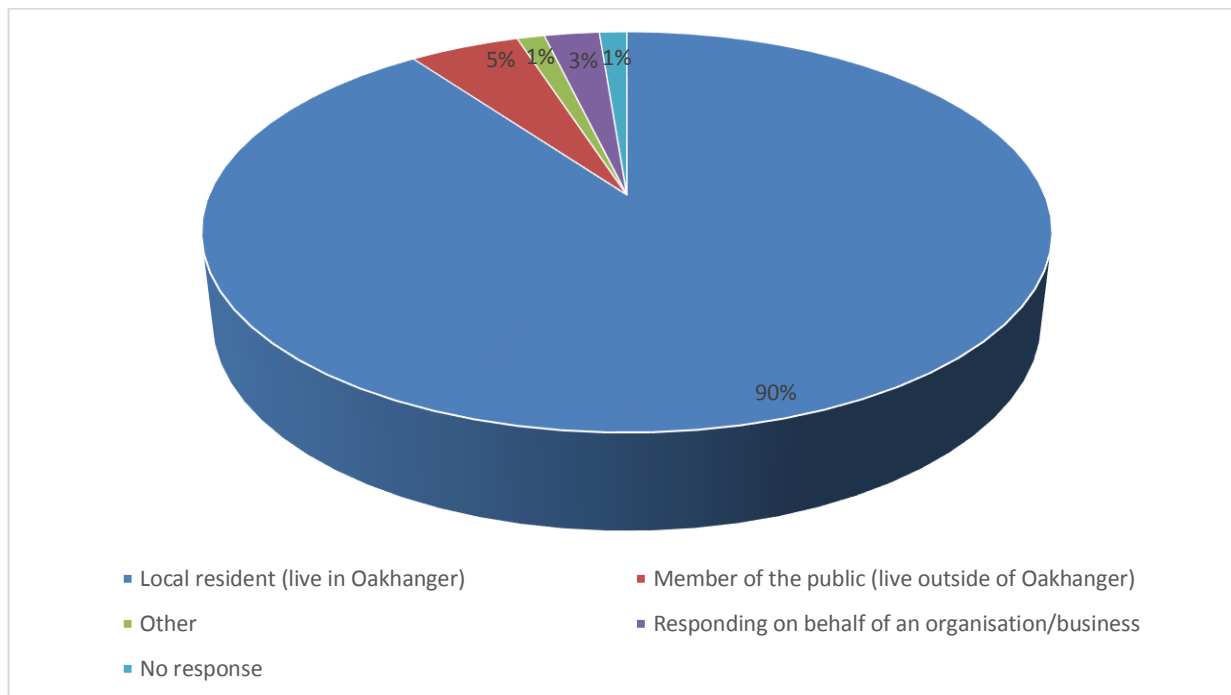
Question 4: Do you have any further comments that you would like us to consider as part of the consultation?

A total of 40 responses was received. 1 respondee answered No and is therefore not recorded on the below table. Where possible, open responses have been categorised into common themes:

Common Themes	Number of respondees
Clear signage	5
Current speeding problems	4
Speed tables instead of buildouts	4
Buildouts cause speeding/aggressive driving	4
Vegetation clearance	1
Potholes needs to be addressed prior to pinch point scheme	1
Additional pavement	1
Support the proposal	7
20mph speed limit and/or road humps	5
30mph speed limite extended	1
Extended traffic calming	1
Future development will see increase of traffic/people	1
Introduction of bollards in key areas	1
Wider footpath	1
Access for refuse & recycling vehicles	1
Double yellow lines in certain area	1

Questions 5 to 8: Individual or an Organisation

A summary below on the categorisation of the respondents.



4.0 Conclusions

In conclusion, the consultation gave local residents and other interested parties an opportunity to both learn more about the proposed traffic calming scheme for Oakhanger and to express their support for or objection to the scheme.

The results show significant support for the proposed improvements and has given Hampshire County Council a robust mandate to proceed with the implementation of the Oakhanger traffic calming scheme.