

Pre-Submitted Question

Question - 'Where hedges outside the 30mph zones are overgrowing pavements, to whom in Bucks Council should Parish and Town Councils communicate the problem for rapid resolution.' Such problems are of course outside any devolution agreement and responsibility for PCs and most, if not all TCs in the county.

Answer provided by the Local Area Technician (LAT) - The town council of course should not be undertaking any works themselves outside the 30mph speed limit. If for example there is a footway which is within a 40mph speed limit and has boundary vegetation obstructing it, the town council under their devolved serviced contract are expected to write to the adjacent property / land owner instructing them to cut back their overhanging vegetation. If the issue is within the parish boundary, they can write to offending property owners whether the issue is within a 40mph or national speed limit.

Nine times out of ten, vegetation or trees affecting highway assets such as footways, carriageway and lighting columns are private and not maintained by the local highway authority.

The LAT is best placed to answer such questions.