



Officer Decision Report

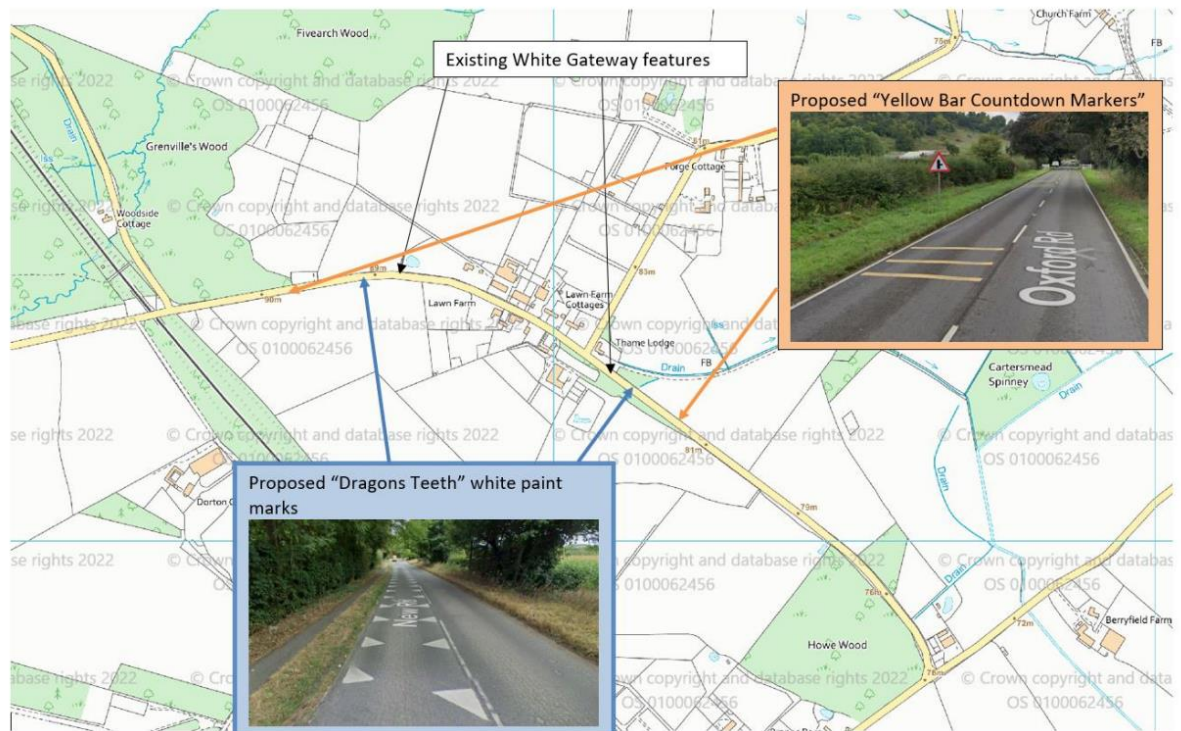
Date:	31 January 2023
Title:	Wotton Underwood Traffic Calming
Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Steve Broadbent
Affected Councillors:	Councillors' Angela MacPherson, Frank Mahon and Michael Rand
Contact officer:	John Pateman, Team Leader, Design Services
Ward(s) affected:	Grendon Underwood
Decision:	To introduce dragons' teeth ahead of the existing two village gateway features
Reason for decision:	For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

1. Background

- 1.1 On 13 June 2022, Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) was commissioned by the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board to implement Dragons Teeth and Rumble Strips on the approach to the two existing village gateways in Wotton Underwood.
- 1.2 Wotton Underwood Parish Council is promoting the project and has received reports from residents that vehicles travel through the village at excessive speeds. The council therefore wishes to calm the traffic past the buildings and junction with the main village.
- 1.3 Following design and feasibility work undertaken by TfB it was determined that the location was not suitable for Rumble Strips because of the noise generated, the local topography and the nearby dwellings.
- 1.4 In agreement with the Parish Council and ward Members the proposal was therefore changed to consult on Yellow Bar Markings instead of Rumble Strips.

- 1.5 A consultation took place with residents residing between the two white gateway features in the village between 4 November 2022 and 30 November 2022.

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Note: Yellow Bar Markers are around the same height as centre line white markings (just one or two millimetres) however they can produce some noise. We propose to locate these further away from properties for this reason.

Figure 1.5 – Plan used in the consultation

- 1.6 This report outlines the outcome of the consultation and the decision based on the feedback from residents, the Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Council ward Members.
- 1.7 No yellow bar markings to be installed following concerns raised through consultation of increased noise levels.
- 1.8 The Parish Meeting have secured the full funding through the community board to introduce dragons' teeth ahead of the existing two village gateway features in Wotton Underwood through the Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board.
- 1.9 Highways Community Liaison Team is arranging installation of the dragons teeth

2. Authority to take this decision

2.1 The relevant Council scheme of delegation is contained within the Council's constitution.

3. Other options considered

3.1 Rumble strips were originally considered appropriate but following feasibility design this is not possible due to the topography and distance of the village gateways from dwellings. Following consultation, yellow bar marking has also been ruled out due to similar noise concerns from adjacent residents.

3.2 The Parish Council's long-term aim is to reduce the speed limit through the village, however current vehicle speeds are too high, and a speed assessment is unlikely to be successful.

3.3 The Parish Meeting considered all types of traffic calming measures before the commission was commenced.

4. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

4.1 Local councillors and those connected with Wotton Underwood Parish make the following comments.

Councillor	Response to recommendations
Cllr Michael Rand	I agree with your proposal
Andy Windmill (Chairperson Wotton Underwood Parish)	Many thanks for your e mail and the report attached thereto. Having regard to the comments submitted by residents I agree that your recommendation is an appropriate compromise between the benefits of the traffic calming measures originally under consideration and the concerns of those residents affected.
Cllr Angela MacPherson	I support your recommendation
Cllr Frank Mahon	I fully support your proposal.
Steve Allen (Wotton Underwood Parish)	I fully support the installation of Dragons Teeth on the East and West side of the village.

5. Feedback from Consultation

- 5.1 There are two responses from the consultation from residents. Respondents are concerned about the potential noise generated from the Yellow Bar Markings.
- 5.2 The full responses are attached in Annex A.

6. Your questions and review

- 6.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose email address is given at the head of the paper.

7. Background papers

- 7.1 See attached Annex A results of the consultation November 2022.



Approval Signature

Dave Roberts

Head of Highways

Date 31 January 2023

