

Wotton Underwood Traffic Calming 2022/23

Results of the Consultation November 2022

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SUMMARY

A consultation took place with selected residents of Wotton Underwood between 4 November 2022 and 30 November 2022 to seek views on proposed traffic calming measures on the road through the village.

The 11 properties included in the consultation are located on the road between the two existing white gateway features.

There were 2 responses via email and a separate telephone enquiry from a third respondent.

Wotton Underwood Traffic Calming Proposals



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 - Plan used in the consultation

Response (redacted)	TfB Design Engineer Comments	Recommendation to Parish Council and Ward Members
<p>I am emailing in response to the letter I have received referring to the proposed traffic calming measures for Wotton Underwood.</p> <p>I am not opposed to measures being introduced as long as the yellow bar markers are placed far enough away from the properties at the edges of the proposed calming area so no noise can be heard by the residents of those properties particularly when using our gardens in the summer. If this is not done those of us whose properties are nearest to these bars will not only have to endure the noise made by the vehicles travelling over them but also the noise of the cars accelerating again once they have gone past them. This in my opinion would be worse to endure than the vehicles going past at the current constant speed.</p>	<p>The yellow bar markings need to precede the Dragon’s Teeth markings to have any impact on vehicle speed. This means they will be around 105metres away from the existing white gateway features on each side of the village.</p> <p>The yellow bar markings will emit a “swishing noise”. This noise is not as loud as a rumble device but how sensitive residents will be to this noise is subjective, and there is no accepted national benchmark.</p>	<p>To implement just the Dragon’s Teeth markings.</p>
<p>Good evening, Regarding the proposed traffic calming measures for Wotton Underwood- I have no objections as long as the white lines do not cause any increase in traffic noise. Perhaps the other markings could be put down first to see if they alone have the required effect?</p>	<p>The white markings forming the Dragon’s Teeth will not lead to any noticeable increase in noise and are commonly placed ahead of village gateway features in rural communities in Buckinghamshire.</p> <p>It may be advantageous to implement just the Dragon’s Teeth bearing in mind the concern raised. Both the Dragon’s Teeth and yellow bar markings are widely accepted to have a marginal effect on vehicle speed (a few miles per hour reduction on average). The marginal impact of having both measures as compared to one intervention is likely to be even lower (perhaps as low as a 1-2mph reduction in mean speed)</p>	

A third respondent made a telephone enquiry about the distance of the yellow bar markings from their property. No formal response was made following this clarification.