

Good evening, Chair, Council members

Just a short statement regarding an agenda item you will discuss later in the session

My wife and I own the house on the corner of Shepherds Lane and George Street.

We have been renovating for some time, completing demolition, rebuild work and new build along with total refurbishment of the old cottages. We have had many pauses in work, mainly due to my ill health and funds, but we are back on the trail to complete our home and hopefully bring another property up to scratch in the village.

The most important point I believe, is that every stage of the development has had full planning approval which as you know also requires sign off from highways and conservation. The renovation has had nothing but positive feedback.

The fenced area at the junction of Shepherd Lane and George St, our garden, follows the boundary line and height restriction as detailed in planning. When I moved in, the boundary line consisted of a 20' spiky tree overhanging 5' on to the carriageway positioned right at the junction, brambles, nettles, old farm gates, assorted bushes and barbed wire and an oil tank, there was no view and it had been like this for 20 years so I am told.

The "Give Way" lines located at the end of Shepherds Lane deliberately follow the eye line of our Boundary line, so cars can see up George Street if they position themselves correctly, this view will not be improved unless you knock the corner of our house down. This junction is no different to several others in our own village, the junction of Station Rd with High Gate where parked cars regularly impede the view, also the junction of Wheelwright Ln with George Street or N Fen Rd, I could go on, but there is no escaping that our road layout is based around the horse and cart.

The main issues are unfortunately down to poor driving and excessive speed, particularly with vehicles traveling down George Street towards the junction. To add to this, drivers invariably use the right-hand side of Shepherds Lane to exit the junction, usually at speed, and with no pause at the "Give Way". Visibility is not impaired by the fence if drivers use the junction correctly and approach with caution to what is a single-track road. Can the Parish Council do anything about the excessive speed down George Street?

My site safety fencing running along George Street, which has been a source of annoyance even for us, has now been removed, to enable work on the courtyard garden, front path and eventually driveway. The netting did escape in the wind along with slightly bending the fence outwards and is another reason for its removal.

Thank you for your time.