

TRANSPORT ISSUES

Please note that this is included as background evidence and is not planning policy.

The A 37 is a major route that bisects the Village. It is beyond this Plan to address the traffic problems arising but there are some aspects which are relevant.

We sought an overview of the Transport and Planning Issues pertaining to Whitchurch Village and this is delivered by David Worskett FRSA FCIHT. This report highlights the shortcomings of the A37 to cope with substantial traffic increase. Upgrading the A37 to **trunk** road status to qualify it as a **strategic** route must be supported by firm evidence rather than vague assertions.

The traffic use of the A37 needs to be fully assessed by carrying out a fully comprehensive “Origins and Destination and purpose of heavy freight traffic” data survey. Such a survey would reveal how best to address the A37 corridor and future developments within this corridor.

This succinct and comprehensive report highlights the need for the following points. The present traffic flows through the Village are clearly illustrated in the accompanying photographic evidence.

- 1.1. **Pollution.** In order to reduce the known level below the DEFRA Nitrous Oxide limit of 40 microns per cubic metre the expansion of the monitoring equipment be expanded to cover all routes with access to the cross roads and provide detailed feedback on the key times of maximum pollution.
- 1.2. **Safe Pedestrian Routes.** Existing footways in many locations fail minimum standards of width. Any development must fund by agreement, off site works to achieve minimum standards within 1 kilometre of the development site.
- 1.3. **On Site Parking.** Any development shall plan for an extra 50% of visitor parking above minimum parking needs to allow for greater Village parking controls.
- 1.4. **Roundabout Access to the A37.** Any new development in excess of 200 houses shall provide for S106 funding for a new roundabout on the A37 and enhanced junction design at the Maes Knoll Pub junction.
- 1.5. **Protection of Local Roads** All new development shall avoid diversion onto existing local roads, rat runs that avoid the main A37 route and protection of rural roads.
- 1.6. **Development requires adequate infrastructure to access employment.**