

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 2 JULY

Thank you all for attending the meeting on Monday night. From feedback I think most people found this an extremely useful format for exchanging ideas and suggestion solution's to issues. We explained the actions we are already taking and I will circulate a document evidencing when it has been finalised .

We captured the main points raised on a flip chart and these are listed below.

Main issues

- Vehicles (generally HGV's) failing to follow official diversion routes
- HGV vehicles failing to comply with weight restrictions where they are already in force
- HGV vehicles breaking 40mph speed limits in traffic managed areas
- Confusing diversion routes.
- Sub-contractor vehicles using village roads and not following official haul routes.
- Degradation of village roles due to diverting vehicles.

Potential Solutions suggested.

- Better advance signage on major trunks roads
- Better use of VMS signs in the locality.
- Use of Speedwatch kit to be purchased via the A14
- Clearer signs, removing symbols and replacing with appropriate wording.(A14 east/west)
- A14 to staff to check signage on drive through of diversion routes to ensure accuracy(**This action has commenced**)
- A14 staff to monitor village roads for sub-contractors(**this action has commenced**)
- Contact and dialogue with Road Haulage Association and other driver groups. (**This was already in action before meeting.**)
- Temporary speed cameras in villages
- Use of unsuitable for HGV signs at village entrances during closures.
- Cone off entrances to villages (**this is not lawful**)
- Dialogue with VOSA
- Increased Police presence to enforce weight limits (**Derek Crosby did explain that while he was not able to guarantee this he would ask that it be tasked out**)
- Enforcement of speeding fines.(this is already being undertaken and drivers prosecuted)
- Greater use of community Speedwatch to educate drivers.

Pam and I will take these ideas away and where we can put them into action and report back to you by the end of this month.