

PETWORTH TRAFFIC PLAN

NORTH ST TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS

Consultation Meeting
September 2018

Context: Traffic Plan Summary

Signage Improvements	Pedestrian Initiatives	Traffic Calming Measures	Car Park Improvements
<p>HGV Signage Improvements</p> <p>Car Park Sign Improvements</p>	<p>Bus Improvements</p> <p>Crossing at Sports Ground</p> <p>NT/Park Rd Crossing Options</p> <p>North St Link</p> <p>Hampers Green</p> <p>Pedestrian Wayfinding</p> <p>Car Park to Town Entrance</p>	<p>North St Calming</p> <p>Angel St Calming</p> <p>Market Square Re-design</p> <p>'Gateway' Improvements</p> <p>Threshold' Improvements</p> <p>Grove /Haslingbourne Lane</p>	<p>Additional Parking Options</p> <p>Car Park Re-design</p>

Traffic Calming: Overall Objectives

To achieve average speeds on the approach roads inside the town 'Gateways' closer to 20 mph & reduce the incidence of 'speed rogues' & dangerous or inconsiderate driving.

There are two 'concepts' of how to do this:

1. 20 mph Limit
2. 20 mph Zone

The town centre is already mostly a 20 mph Zone due to natural controls (sharp bends, parked cars etc) so it is mostly the approach roads that need further measures.

..... and reduce the number of HGV in town.

What about Noise & Pollution?

Residents Comments: Problems & Issues

1. Pedestrians are in danger at narrow pavement pinch-points with vehicles using pavements.
2. Problem is not the volume of traffic, but the speed.
3. Large wing mirrors overlapping pavement space.
4. Excessive speeding & noise from motorbikes – especially Sundays.
5. Cars & vans use Thompson Hospital lane to stop & turn, often abusive to residents.

Residents Comments: Preferred Options

1. Speed indicator or slow down indicator on North St.
2. Speed camera on North St
3. 'Crackdown'- deploy residents speed control teams
4. CCTV Camera – could we fast track this pro-actively?
5. Handrails or barriers at narrow pavement pinch-points
6. Bollard on pavement at pinch-points – cf those on Middle St.
7. Pedestrians crossing sign at Cow Yard
8. Enhance roundabout at 'Threshold' & make 'look' narrower
9. Move 'Gateway' further out, or other measures to slow traffic before 'Threshold'
10. Improve 'Gateway' Signage – see next slide for details
11. Improve 'Threshold' signage- see next slide for details

Residents Comments: Preferred Options

Improved 'Gateway' and 'Threshold' signage could consider:

1. Signs for 'slow down', 'elderly & children', 'speed limit'.
2. Divert round the town indicator such as "Quickest Route to"
3. Town Centre Only indicator to North St at 'Threshold'.
4. Don't follow Sat Nav
5. Signage to slow before 'Threshold'
6. Long banner signs on lamp posts or other eye catching sign designs
7. Medieval Town, narrow streets & pavements.
8. Notice to Bikers to be considerate to residents

Assessment Criteria

	Speed Indicator	Speed Camera	Pinchpoint Barriers	Gateway Signs	Threshold Signs	Other Signs	Enhanced Threshold	Move Gateway	20 mph Limit	Chicane	Cow Yard Crossing	Alternate Flow	Raised Kerb	Speed Bumps
Residents Preference														
Technically Viable														
Meets Guidelines														
Community Agreement														
Cost/Funding														
Priority														

The assessment will consider residents views and interest groups, plus other factors

Highways & Police use 'Data Driven' Assessment

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| 1. Data on Actual Speeds (not anecdotal) | PTC Data from July 2017 |
| 2. Data on Accidents & Incidents | Police Data base (use 101) |
| 3. Data on Noise Levels | Procedure for measuring? |
| 4. Vehicle & Pedestrian numbers | PTC partial data July 2017 |

We are all asked to report any dangerous incident (location, date, nature, registration or vehicle type) to Sussex Police 'Operation Crackdown' or Police 101 number, with an email to clerk@petworth-tc.gov.uk, if possible

Motorbike Noise Regulations

1. **Motorcycle Regulations 1995 & 1999 plus EC:** pre-1983 have special exemptions
2. **Drive by Noise Limits:** at registration (Regulation 57 Sch. 7A) are **80 to 87dB.**
3. **In Service Noise (after 1983):** Schedule 57B – offence if noise could be “materially less” if in good order or not altered.
4. **Silencers:** must meet British Standard
5. **Altered/Poor Working Order:** Regulation 54 about increased noise
6. **Reasonable Care:** Regulation 97 about excessive noise

Enforcement of the Regulations is the issue: However, Fixed Penalty is £20?

Motorbike Noise – So What can be Done?

Most of the Traffic Calming Options are likely to be ineffective for Bike Noise. So we are left with:

1. **Polite Requests** – signs, internet forum, Market Square meeting
2. **Police Enforcement**