



Wickwar
Parish Council

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Dear Neighbours,

Re: Wickwar Traffic Management Scheme consultation

As you are probably aware, South Gloucestershire Council is conducting a public consultation on the proposed Wickwar Village Traffic Management Scheme, which will close on 20th November 2019.

Section 106 funding which has been collected by South Gloucestershire Council from local developers, has been earmarked to be spent by them on improvements in road safety in Wickwar. The scheme has been designed to address the historic and worsening issues of speeding traffic, volume of traffic and overly heavy lorries using the High Street.

At the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 6th November, a number of the Parishioners attending requested a meeting with a representative from South Gloucestershire Council to answer their questions about the scheme.

Wickwar Parish Council had made multiple strong representations to South Gloucestershire Council before the November 6th meeting, and subsequently, requesting that one of their officers attends such a meeting, but unfortunately, in light of the December General Election, South Gloucestershire Council's legal department has advised that no officer can attend due to purdah rules. These are designed to prevent Local Government doing anything in the run up to the vote that might influence the Election result.

In light of this disappointing news there seems little point in arranging a public meeting, as there will be no-one in attendance from South Gloucestershire Council to answer questions over and above the information and detail they already provide on their website

Instead, Chris Hodgson, the Highways Engineer at South Gloucestershire Council in charge of the scheme, has requested that members of the public contact him directly with any questions that they may have, as well as completing the online consultation questionnaire which is open to all residents. He can be contacted on:

Tel: 01454 868988

Email: TransportServices@southglos.gov.uk

The Parish Council will further consider the views expressed at the Council meeting on 6th November, and will hold an extraordinary meeting on **Friday 15th November @ 7pm**, to consider its response to the consultation. As with all Council meetings, the meeting is open to members of the public who would be welcome to express their support for the plan, or reservations, before the Council meeting. For clarification, you may note that the Parish Council is a consultee in the same way that any local resident is, and as such, will have no decision-making power in relation to the final format of the scheme. The final say, as always, rests with South Gloucestershire Council.

Sincerely,

Wickwar Parish Council