



Traffic, Transport and Environment Questionnaire

Report on Results

Introduction

The purpose of the questionnaire was to identify the views and opinions of residents on issues and proposals that the Parish Council considered were relevant to Bretherton both now and in the future. Also to request from residents their comment on other related issues, which were causing them concern. It was delivered to each of the 261 residential properties of Bretherton, from which 50 completed questionnaires were returned.

The returned questionnaires amounted to 19.15% of the 261 residential properties. The level of return on a street by street basis ranged from 0% (11 streets), to 14% - 21% (7 streets) and 33% -50% (4 streets), the latter being due to the small number of properties within them.

The Parish Council, having analysed the contents of the returned questionnaires, now reports on its findings and its proposed course of action in obtaining the implementation of the ideas and proposals having the support of a clear majority of residents.

Level of questionnaire response.

The matter of the level of questionnaire return formed an integral part of the Parish Council's analysis of their content, indeed it was the initial matter considered, from which it concluded that the low level of response was disappointing. There could be many reasons for this low return and the Parish Council would appreciate comments from residents regarding this.

The residents' views

The detailed analysis of the views of residents is identified in Appendix 1, by providing against each of the ideas and proposals set out in the questionnaire the number who are in support (shown in Red), not in support (shown in Blue), or where there is no clear position for either (shown in Green). This shows that of the 24 ideas and proposals 19 were supported, 2 were not supported and there was no clear position on the remaining 3.

Recognising that it does not have the resources to proceed with each of the supported ideas and proposals at the same time, it has decided to take them forward on the basis of a list of five which will be continually replenished as they are brought to a conclusion, The initial list being as follows;

- Pedestrian link between Bretherton and Croston;
- Prohibiting the use of Sarah Lane and Back Lane as routes for through traffic;
- Introduce a 3.5 Tonne vehicle weight restriction on South Road and North Road;
- Maintenance of footways, including frontage hedges, and
- The issue of the lack of access to public transport services.

In respect of the first four, schemes for their implementation were considered at the July meeting of the Parish Council. The matter of access to public transport services was the subject of a presentation by Ms Tracy Platt, Chorley Dial a Ride, to the Parish Council at its June meeting, how the Parish Council should take this matter forward was also discussed at the July meeting; this matter is expected to take some time to reach a satisfactory conclusion, if there is one.

Residents' Supplementary Comments.

The questionnaire provided residents with the opportunity to provide comments on issues related to the ideas and proposals contained in the questionnaire. Through this residents provided a wealth of comments/views/ideas, the full extent of which is provided on a street by street basis at Appendix 2. A considerable number of them are, it is considered, covered by the initial list of five ideas and proposals to be taken forward by the Parish Council, and are highlighted in red in the appendix, they will be deleted from future reports as the ideas and proposals to which they relate are brought to a conclusion.

The comments provided will undoubtedly result in additional ideas and proposals that the Parish Council decides to take forward.

Summary.

The Parish Council sees the outcome of the questionnaire as an ongoing process. Therefore, it would welcome views and comments on the contents of this report. Residents who have not already completed the questionnaire are also welcome to return questionnaires and comments on the issues related to the ideas and proposals within it, through the Clerk to the Council, Mrs. Glenys Southworth.

Report compiled by Councillor Robert Bertram

Appendix 1 - Report on Results

Item A. Reduction in Speed Limits

1. Introduction of 20mph Speed Limits on:

1. Pompian Brow (its full length).....
2. Marl Cop (Hey Cottage to South Road).....
3. South Road (from west of The Apiary to Flag Lane)

Yes	No	C
36	13	1
22	26	2
31	18	1

2. Reduction to 30/40mph of the existing 50mph speed limit

1. On North Road (Canal Reach to South Road).....

42	6	2
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Item B. Enforcement of Proposed Reductions in Speed Limits

1. Pompian Brow.....
2. Marl Cop (through the provision of chicanes at 1/2 locations.
3. South Road (through the provision of chicanes at the entry points)
4. North Road (residents views on enforcement required).....

16	17	17
14	31	5
16	31	4
22	15	13

Item C. Enforcement of 30mph Speed Limit on South Road

1. Traffic chicanes at 2/3 locations integrated into the street scene through landscaping.

21	23	6
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Item D. Prohibit Commercial Vehicles Except For Access.

1. From North Road and South Road.....

29	18	3
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Item E. Maintain And Improve Pedestrian Links.

1. Re-open the pedestrian link between the Recreation Ground and the Blue Anchor PH.....
2. Have L.C.C maintain the existing footway on North Road.
3. Improve pedestrian link between Croston and Bretherton (Lostock Br. To Railway Br.).....
4. Ensure footways are clear of tree and hedge growth and parked vehicles.....

34	14	2
48	0	2
49	1	0
27	14	9

Item F. Improving the Environment

1. Restrict the following sections of South View and Back Lane to pedestrians/cyclists/horses.
 - (a) South View (west of Weavers Fold)
 - (b) Back Lane (east of Odd Lane). (Possible exemption for designated permit holders) .
2. Take measures to stop dog owners allowing their dogs to foul the footways/footpaths.....
3. Provide a dog waste bin and relevant dog penalty warning signs on Eyes Lane.....
4. Create 'meadow flower' grass verges by seeding and cessation of regular mowing:
 - (a) Both sides of Sarah Lane
 - (b) West side of Marl Cop, except for the first 300/450mm strip.....

34	5	11
36	5	9
48	1	1
45	4	1
27	14	9
29	13	8

Item G. Waiting Restrictions

- Introduce waiting restrictions: (a) Marl Cop, at its immediate junction with South Road
- (b) South Road, its south side at The Former Rectory to a similar extent as those to its north side.

41	8	1
35	11	4

Item H. Public Transport

Currently only bus service No.110 (Chorley to Southport) serves Bretherton, providing a twice daily service on a Monday.

1. Do you consider this service to be adequate for you and other villagers.....
2. Do you consider a bus service is essential to your life and that of other villagers.....
3. What would be your preferred bus destination (please name here).....
4. How often each week would you expect to travel to your chosen bus destination (please state)

4	42	4
29	8	13
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2. 22	2. 0	2. 0
3. 2		
1. 1	1. 0	1.2
2. 44	2. 1	2. 2
1..27	1. 6	1.4
2. 13		

Item I. Traffic Flow on North Road and South Road

1. Existing traffic flows on South Rd/North Rd (**1Acceptable 2 Too high 3 Too low**).....
2. Would you consider further increases in traffic flow (**1.Acceptable 2. Unacceptable**).....
3. Take steps to **1.Reduce 2.Maintain** the existing traffic flows.....

Analysis 2: Supplementary comments provided through the received questionnaires

Road/Street

Supplementary Comments

Bamfords Fold Bretherton to Croston footway is a priority. Enforce Back Lane as 'Access Only'. Restrict farm vehicles from Sarah Lane and Back Lane.

Doles Lane Bretherton to Croston footway is a priority.

Eyes Lane Reduce speed limit on Eyes Lane. North Road/Carr House Lane junction has poor visibility. Cars entering Carriage Drive from Eyes Lane - drivers do so understanding they have priority. 20mph speed limits do not work unless monitored.

Flag Lane Chicanes encourage higher traffic speed. Double bend requires 20mph speed limit. Provide Bretherton to Croston footway. South Road and North Road are main arteries to Chorley and Leyland so disadvantageous to limit access. No mention of Flag Lane at first 90 degree bend where most accidents occur. Chicanes too expensive - only suitable on housing estates. Questionnaire not well designed - no instructions. Items D and I only sensible and practical suggestions. Don't fancy tackling chicane with horse trailer. Think more practically and concentrate on vulnerable areas of the village.

Marl Cop. Speed of traffic on Marl Cop, safety of children at risk. Advertising signs at North Road/Carr House Lane are a distraction. Marl Cop becoming a car park. Object to chicanes. What is definition of a commercial vehicle? Vehicle access required to bakery.

Pompian Brow. Who will enforce restrictions? Need for community litter picking. Increase width of footway on North Road. New builds on Pompian Brow are a disgrace Too many HGVs going to and from the motorways. Carr House Lane/North Road junction is dangerous. Pompian Brow used as a cut through. Parents parking to school should use church car park. Routes need to be made safe. Traffic too busy on garden open days.

Weavers Fold. Prohibit commercial vehicles from South Road not North Road. Litter a major problem. Provide footway to Croston. Parking of vehicles on pavements irresponsible - pedestrian hazard. Public footpaths/rights of way poorly maintained.

South View What would residents feel about chicanes near them? Completely unrealistic to prohibit commercial vehicles from legal aspect. Footway to Croston would require land purchase. Sarah Lane and Back Lane public highways cannot be physically closed. Already 'Access Only' signing of Back Lane and Sarah Lane. How to enforce dog fouling? Insufficient development for 30/40 speed limit on North Road. 20mph is great but unrealistic.

South Road 20 mph not enforced. Noise generated from HGVs. How can HGVs by-pass Bretherton? Clear hedge at Holly Farm boundary. Chicanes would ruin aesthetics of village as they carry signs and cameras. Re-introduce weight restriction on railway bridge. Yes introduce chicanes. Reduce speed limit Carr House Lane to Marl Cop. Chicanes previously investigated, would cause increased traffic noise. Children in Bretherton have a bus pass which would be lost with footway to Croston. Re-route the 112 bus service. Traffic noise already bad chicanes would make it worse. Residents living near the school should be advised of school events, parked cars cause problems for emergency vehicles; cones used once but moved by parents.

North Road. Speed restriction would trigger building opportunities. LCC do not treat grass verges; so Ragwort problems. Severe concerns about existing speed limit/traffic speed and overtaking. Consider proposals timely and appropriate. Reduce speed limit on North Road. Poor visibility at North Road/Carr House Lane junction. Pompian Brow junction serious visibility problems. No to South Road traffic calming would push traffic onto North Road. Too many HGVs. 'Bretherton Bend Circuit' famous amongst motor cyclists for racing; only a matter of time before there is a fatality on North Road. Speed restrictions meaningless unless enforced. Substantial increase in HGV traffic. Poor visibility at North Road/Moss Lane and Marl Cop/Doles Lane. Explains accidents occurring over recent years close to and at Glenroyde.

No Road/Street Name. Never has been a pedestrian access between Recreation Ground and Blue Anchor P.H. All Back Lane should be restricted. Traffic flow is essential in rural areas to ensure small rural businesses survive. Cutting down traffic would have a huge impact on all the businesses in the village. Provide more dog waste bins on Back Lane. Roads required to a better standard. Ask what measures would be taken to prevent owners allowing their dogs fouling footways/footpaths. A very poor quality questionnaire.