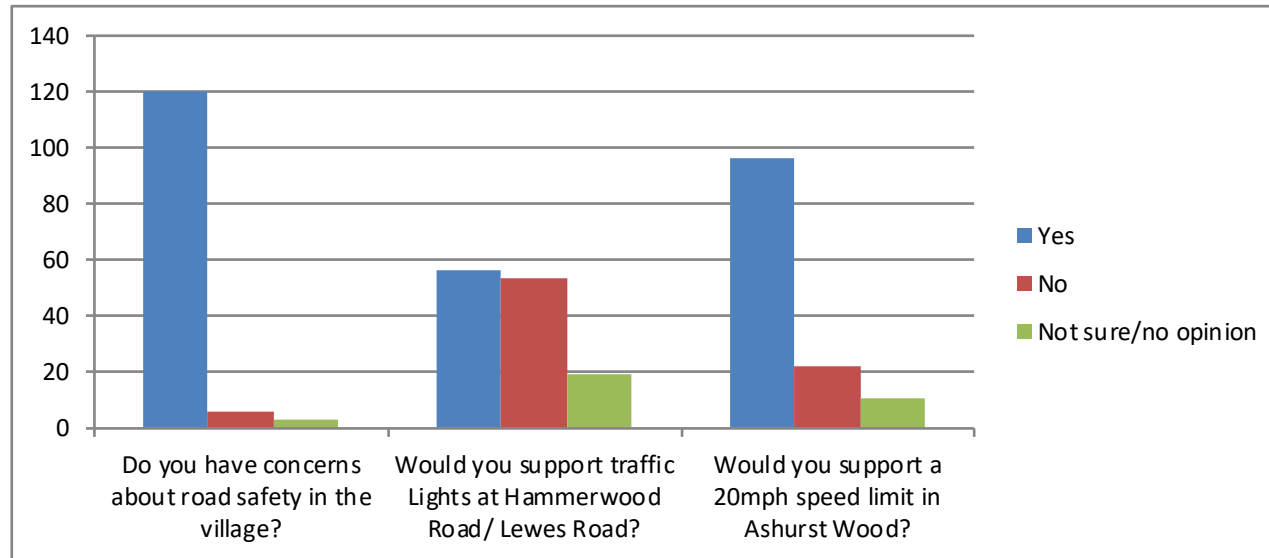


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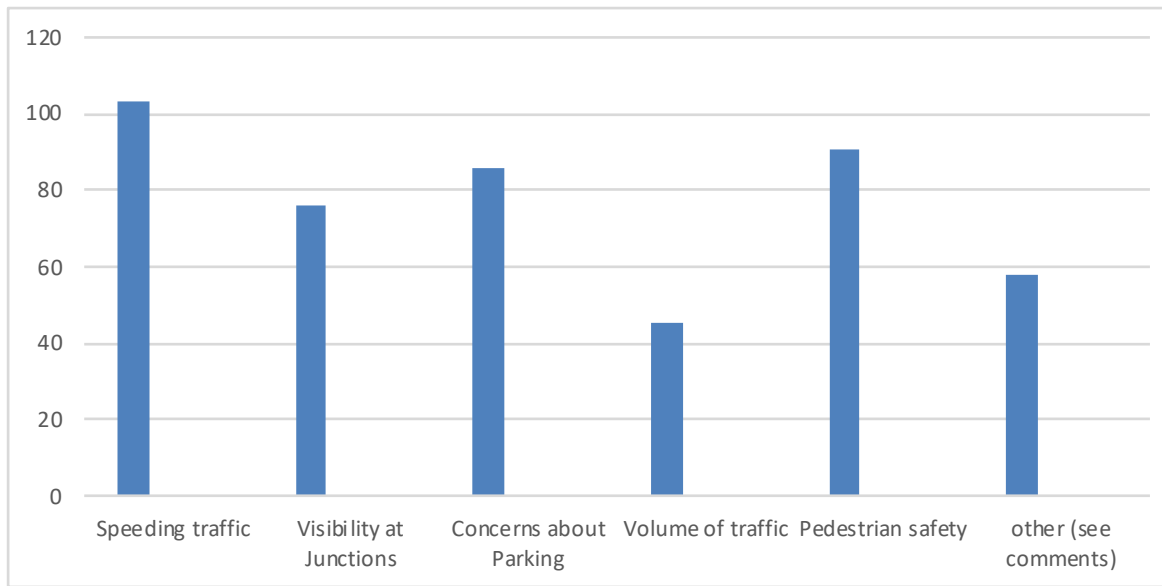
Summary

	yes	no	don't know
1 Do you have concerns about road safety in the village?	120	6	3
3 Would you support traffic Lights at Hammerwood Road/ Lewes Road?	56	54	19
4 Would you support a 20mph speed limit in Ashurst Wood?	96	22	11



129 total responses from 126 households (one void)

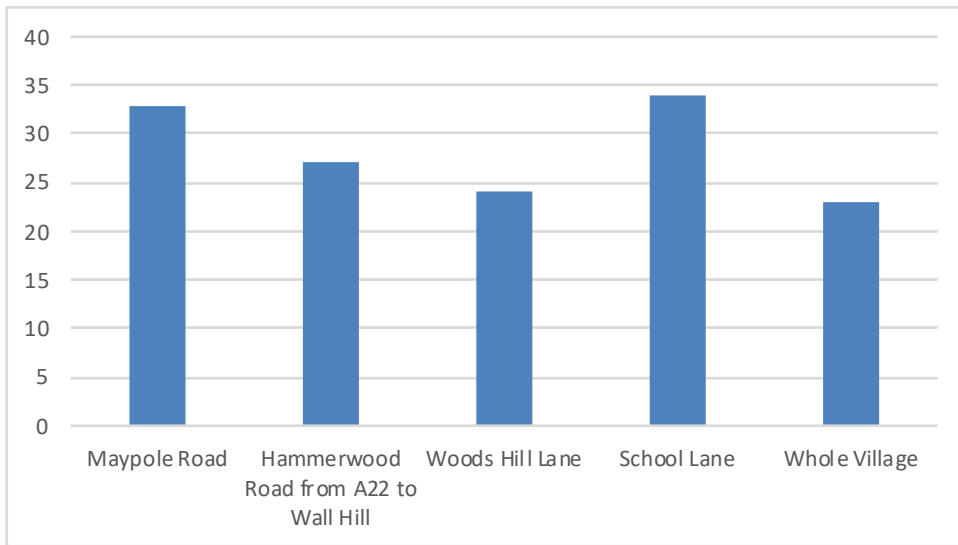
2 If yes to question 1, what are you concerned about? (indicate all that apply)	
Speeding traffic	103
Visibility at Junctions	76
Concerns about Parking	86
Volume of traffic	45
Pedestrian safety	91
other (see comments)	58



5 If yes to question 4, which roads should have a 20mph limit? (indicate all that apply)

Those answering Whole Village only	49
Those selecting several options. Including whole village	
Maypole Road	33
Hammerwood Road from A22 to Wall Hill	27
Woods Hill Lane	24
School Lane	34
Whole Village	23

Note: Although not expressly stated in the survey, 'Whole Village' for the possibility of a 20mph limit does not include the A22 Lewes Road, Wellfield, Hectors Lane or Windmill Lane.



Question 2: other reasons for concerns about road safety

Overgrown hedges at junctions - dangerous for pedestrians

Parked cars blocking pavements are hazardous

Parked cars along Hammerwood road from A22 to War memorial - restrict visibility for drivers

Parked cars along Hammerwood road from Maypole Road to the Abbey - restrict visibility for drivers

Village not designed for houses, new developments will make parking issues worse

Lack of pavement in Maypole Road and traffic exceeding 30 mph limit

Parking in School Lane from Dirty Lane to Hammerwood road. Need to extend Yellow lines.

Parking on pavements forces pedestrians into roads

Double Yellow lines at Maypole Road/Woods Hill Lane obscures visibility

Size of lorries going into Industrial Estate and driving on pavement (2 or 3 a day)

Lack of pavements

Lack of places for visitor parking

Need or everyone to take care when passing horses (most drivers are aware)

People with off road parking use road to park

Speeding on A22 not rest of village

Parking causing problems for drivers

Parking by school

Inappropriate parking at junctions: School Lane/Maypole Road, Phoenix Lane/School Lane

Large lorries and vehicles trying to negotiate war memorial and Chapel Lane

Volume of traffic on A22 only

Parking at road junctions and generally leaving little or no space for emergency vehicle access

Pedestrian safety from War Memorial up to Hammerwood Road

Parking on pavement making pedestrians walk in road

Junctions at church, School Lane and Maypole Road

Cars parked on road opposite Abbey

Wouldn't mind speed bumps or other traffic slowing measures

Visibility pulling out into road

Speeding cars damaging wing mirrors

Speed dangerous for children and animals - what about speed bumps

Parking in School Lane on pavements forces mothers with young children and prams and pushchairs onto the road

Never see a parking ticket

Visibility junction School Lane and Maypole Road

Visibility junction School Lane and Maypole Road
Parking on pavements and grass verges must be outlawed
Lack of pavements and hedge maintenance
Numerous cars parked on pavements due to narrow roads and limited parking available
Safety for dogs, horses, children
Speed people travel down from Cansiron Lane into Hammerwood Road
Too many cars parked on pavement forcing people to walk in road
Maypole Road has very few pavements, children coming and going to school
Farm and shop delivery traffic
Junction at School Lane and Maypole Road gets busy, cars parked on shop corner despite white lines
Pedestrian safety especially on unlit roads at night, e.g. Cansiron Lane
Parking on pavements
As some roads don't have pavements people have to walk in road, also several horse riders use these roads
Double parking on Hammerwood Road from War Memorial to Three Crowns pub
Illegal parking, i.e. against hedges close to driveways, so cannot see people maneuvering
Parking on pavements and double yellow lines
Parking badly at shop junction and blocking road
Parking on pavement should be stopped
Pavements obstructed. Need to walk in road
Footpaths that just stop, footpaths blocked by hedges (Park Lane and Hammerwood Road)
No pedestrian crossing near School
Pedestrian safety especially at War Memorial junction
Roads at junction of School Lane, Hammerwood Road and Cansiron Lane dangerous to people exiting the Abbey and to parents picking up from School.
Quantity/volume of cars seems to have doubled in the village
Narrowness of certain roads slows traffic flow (Hammerwood Road from Maypole Road to Wall Hill)
More traffic due to online shopping
Wide vehicles on narrow roads
Parked cars do help slow down traffic in Maypole Road and Hammerwood Road
Hammerwood Road between Church and War Memorial is virtually single file
Difficult to see when pulling out from Chapel Lane
Visibility because of hedges at junction with Chapel Lane and Hammerwood Road
Parking Chapel Lane junction with Wray Close and Allens Close
Parking in Maypole Road really makes visibility difficult
Parking opposite entrance to Abbey creates serious danger to vehicles exiting the Abbey as oncoming traffic forced onto wrong side of road
Bad visibility at junctions caused by poor parking

Pavement parking!

Visibility at Chapel Lane appalling and should be one way

Pavement parking forcing pedestrians into road

Football parents parked by the Rec and gatherings at Church

Visibility at junction of School Lane and Maypole Road - a mirror would help

Many people parking at junctions

Lack of footpaths on Maypole Road. School route for children and speeding traffic means high risk area

Too many 'non residents' and lorries/delivery vans etc. using village as a short cut

Lack of pavements in some roads

Large lorries

Speeding along Hammerwood Road towards Cansiron Lane

hedges 6

parking 34

pavement (lack of) 7

pedestrian safety 2

speeding 7

58 respondents added extra comments

Question 3: Would you support traffic lights at the junction of Hammerwood Road and the A22, Lewes Road?

Additional comments from those who answered Yes:

Or a mini roundabout

Or a mini roundabout - we definitely need one or the other

Would allow safer access to A22 and slow traffic in both directions

It causes a bit of a problem turning right onto the A22 at peak times

Or at least a pedestrian crossing of some sort

Would hopefully slow down traffic on A22

But only if parking is prohibited at the junction, otherwise there will be congestion at times.

To accommodate the extra number of cars from new development.

But not sure this is really needed.

Any construction of new homes is only going to exacerbate the problem

Either traffic lights or roundabout

This is a priority to ensure reduced risk coming out of the village.

With reservations - only if they were the sort that registered when cars were waiting to get out, otherwise there would be unnecessary hold ups on the A22.

What is really wanted is a mini roundabout to keep traffic moving, but traffic lights would be second best.

I would like lights, but might cause delay on Lewes Road.

It would slow traffic on A22

It would make it easier to leave village from Hammerwood Road

Feel this would aid flow of traffic

Traffic lights would make a much safer access to A22 from Hammerwood Road

Or maybe a roundabout

This is a particularly difficult right hand turn onto A22, being uphill and with restricted visibility to the left.

Or a roundabout

Poor visibility at all junctions currently.

Would help reduce speeding and dangerous overtaking on the A22, and allow residents and public transport safer access onto the A22. A cheaper alternative would be a roundabout although less safe.

Subject to no parking being allowed between Lewes Road and Three Crowns

Or a roundabout (if there is space)

Apart from making it easier to exit the village onto the A22, it would also slow traffic down as it passes the gates of Brambletye School

This would ensure you can exit and enter the village safely.

This is a dangerous place to cross if walking into Forest Row.

And Park Lane. Long overdue.
Extremely difficult to get out of Hammerwood Road.

7 in favour of roundabout

Additional comments from those who answered No:

The A22 is a major road with very few cars actually turning off into the village. However if long term development plans in Ashurst Wood are being factored in, it might be a good idea in the future.

Traffic lights would almost certainly create a speeding shortcut through the village to rejoin the A22 at the bottom of Wall Hill

Massive problem already when lights installed outside Sackville School when previously children used subway

I use Park Lane

This will just cause accidents and congestion on Hammerwood Road

Crazy proposal, impacting on main road. At best a mini roundabout may be OK

Could cause problems with coming out of Wall Hill Road

Not needed. Parking is the problem in Ashurst Wood

As someone who frequently drives to and from the village, I see no need for this. No doubt would cause unnecessary delays and extra emissions as regards traffic on the A22

This would add significantly to noise for those of us that live near the junction

All this would do would be to constrict traffic flow. The Sackville crossing is a nightmare in the mornings and afternoons. Vanity project that is not needed.

A roundabout would be better.

Ridiculous idea! The A22 has enough hold ups of its own.

We are often held in long queues at road works. Further holdups such as lights would make this problem a permanent feature.

Have no concerns

Could cause congestion on A22

I have no issues getting out of this junction and feel it would cause disruption to traffic.

Would have too great a knock on effect on traffic on the A22 **

We have enough holdups on the A22 so wouldn't like to add more. To avoid lights people would use Park Lane which would be more dangerous.

Traffic lights will make the situation worse.

Don't think there is enough queueing traffic to warrant the cost.

There is Park Lane if this junction is too tricky.

A mini roundabout at this junction would be a better solution.

So little joining traffic and stopping traffic on the A22 would disrupt flow unnecessarily.

It would increase village congestion both exiting from Park Lane and entering the village from East Grinstead would be delayed by queues. People will get frustrated waiting to get out of Hammerwood Road because the lights won't change often enough. Pollution from queueing traffic would affect houses near junction.

Not necessary.

Would cause absolute mayhem on the A22 and queues in the village.

This is a ridiculous idea! The tailbacks will be so long.

Stop/starts increase pollution. Button roundabout would be better. It would also slow traffic on the A22.

Don't think it would help. Cars would resume speed.

I don't believe this would be of any benefit and would be more of a nuisance to village residents. It would impact the rural charm of the village.

Lights would cause even more congestion on the A22 which is a busy road. Any road works cause chaos which makes entrance to properties very difficult, so lights would have the same effect. Very few vehicles keep to the speed limit.

Possibly a mini roundabout?

More lights on the A22 would cause a hazard. The junction with Hammerwood Road would be dangerous.

Pointless and hugely expensive.

4 suggest a roundabout

Additional comments from those who answered Not sure, or who did not answer:

A roundabout would keep traffic flowing better. It's always congested when there are traffic lights for roadworks

There isn't a problem at this junction so would be a waste of money

Would prefer mini roundabout

What about a speed camera (bi-directional) on island to ensure compliance with 30 mph limit. Cheaper than traffic lights and probably self-funding

This would cause a problem with parked cars at the top of Hammerwood Road. A roundabout would be better

A mini roundabout would be better.

Could be good to slow A22 traffic to correct speed, but could also interrupt traffic flow.

Might cause problems in Park Lane.

Probably not. Traffic volumes don't warrant it. If Hammerwood Road, why not Park Lane? Too much disruption to A22.

3 prefer roundabout

Question 4: Would you support the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Ashurst Wood?

Additional comments from those who answered Yes:

Vehicles come from Woods Hill Lane through School Lane not slowing down at bend approaching Maypole Road. (Used) as cut through too fast.

War Memorial junction dangerous as no footpath. Cars zoom around bend.

Maypole Road leaving village need to slow traffic. Cars/delivery vans/farm vehicles speeding at fork of Hammerwood Road/Cansiron Lane. Definitely. Parking makes it difficult for drivers, and most drive carefully; but van drivers and other drivers cause problems for pedestrians particularly where no pavements.

This is very much needed

Ashurst Wood has few pavements, so a 20mph speed limit would benefit pedestrians safety if adhered to.

Speed gun useless. Only way to enforce 20mph is with physical traffic calming.

Suggest a traffic calming priority system with narrowing at points. 20mph alone will be ignored.

Need this for all of village

20mph is a must.

It makes sense. Pedestrians have to walk in roads because of parked cars, and limited visibility at many junctions due to parking.

Not sure how this can be enforced!

10mph on Cansiron Lane!

If introduced must cover all through routes to avoid confusion and by-passing. How will it be enforced?

Narrow roads, some with no pavements and lots of on road parking make walking hazardous and driving visibility poor.

Long overdue. Would make it safer for children.

Yes, if it could be enforced.

We already drive 20mph so the only advantage would be ability to enforce it. People don't seem to adhere to any speed restrictions.

Speeding a problem especially on lanes with no pavements.

Most cars respectful of pedestrians, others go down Maypole Road too fast.

Increase in home deliveries has increased volume and dangerous speed - even if 30mph.

Roads narrow and many without pavements. Measures are needed as many cars far exceed 50mph in Hammerwood Road and Maypole Road.

Absolutely. The speed of some cars is shocking, with parked cars and lack of pavements it's a danger.

In the village only around the Store, Cansiron Lane/ Hammerwood Road junction.

The village roads are narrow and a lot of parked cars, so a speed limit would help.

Would benefit everyone.

Especially along Hammerwood Road from the War Memorial to the Abbey.

But 30mph is fine too - banning lorries would be useful.

Maypole Road OK because can hardly go faster, but Cansiron Lane and Hammerwood towards Owletts Farm very speedy traffic with many walkers.

Would make cars go faster than they do now.

If someone could police it.

Absolutely. People drive like maniacs on Woods Hill Lane.

But it needs to be policed!

Will help but won't stop speeding. Need other traffic calming measures. Chicanes or speed bumps would reduce speed. It's dangerous pulling out of drive on Maypole Road

Although it won't make any difference.

Would definitely support 20mph limit throughout village to improve safety. If possible signage should be kept to a minimum to preserve rural feel.

Traffic parked outside homes often cuts road size down to single traffic.

Need to install chicanes or gateways, even 30mph unenforceable at moment.

great proposal but would then have to be policed/monitored.

All of Hammerwood Road from A22 to the Abbey.

Concerned about compliance and enforcement. Many speeding drivers are villagers. We should consider permanent speed indicators.

Additional comments from those who answered No:

Current speed limits are not enforced

People can't do 30mph so will not do 20mph.

Would not be adhered to. But would support speed cameras on A22, at A22 junctions and within the village, also traffic calming measures

Most drivers would not adhere to it - the flashing board is the best reminder

If cars don't obey 30mph they will not respect 20mph. Parked cars help to slow traffic.

25 feels more natural, 20 too slow.

Not under any circumstances.

Everybody should be able to use common sense and slow down where necessary.

Not needed. Lucky to manage 15mph when negotiating parked cars.

Based on schemes elsewhere unlikely to be enforced sufficiently to make it worthwhile.

As a pedestrian I see no need for it. Additional unsightly signage for little or no benefit.

Pointless if not enforced.

Have never witnessed speeding traffic in village, so not necessary. People need to be responsible rather than regulated.

Don't think it would make a difference so not worth expense on signs etc.

No point if no enforcement.

Additional comments from those who answered Not sure, or who did not answer:

Don't think it would be adhered to. Who would enforce it?

30mph might be better. People would get frustrated and try to overtake if 20mph.

I don't believe there is much speeding - too many parked cars and narrow roads.

People who speed now won't respect 20mph limit

Junction visibility more of an issue - inconsiderate parking at junctions and on pavements.

Question 6: Please use the space below to add any further comments or suggestions for other road safety measures

Comments:

Maypole Road, Hammerwood Road and Woods Hill Lane could all do with limits.

Parking opposite the entrance to the Abbey causes problems for people entering/exiting the driveway.

Hedges not cut back to boundaries, covering pavements and causing walkers to walk in road along with parking on pavements.

Parking causes issues with visibility on roads and bends/junctions. Still a danger even if speed reduced if not addressed.

It would seem that Hammerwood Road from the narrow corner to the Abbey is the fastest with Woods Hill Lane a close second.

More focus needs to be on road safety.

Cars should not be parked on hill in Woods Hill Lane. Absolutely blind coming over the top in car.

Whilst I am not concerned about parking, there are many badly parked cars around the village. Occasional ticketing of worst offenders would help.

Roads only become dangerous when people park on pavements and block views at junctions.

No speed humps - waste of money and noisy.

Would oppose road humps as they cause congestion and noise from lorries, tractors and trailers.

Pedestrians walking in the road, treating road like pavement. Cars have to stop and go round them.

Speeding on Hammerwood Road from War Memorial to Cansiron Lane particularly dangerous. Serious accident waiting to happen.

Lack of footpaths dangerous for pedestrians.

Parked cars do slow down traffic, so can be a benefit. No one to enforce speed limits in Ashurst Wood.

20mph should not end at War Memorial, but should go to top of Wall Hill Road to pavement on right. Not having a pavement at Park gate is dangerous (John Pears entrance?) = footpath should go all the way along the road.

Vehicles in Woods Hill Lane regularly exceed 50mph.

No need for higher speed: Horses, pets, kids, pedestrians, cyclists are abundant even on busy roads.

Do not make any roads one way as this speeds up traffic.

Cars parked at junction of Maypole Road / Hammerwood road make it impossible to see oncoming traffic.

Parking opposite the Abbey causes problems for cars exiting Abbey.

Many places with no provision for pedestrians, increases hazards.

Village roads are far too narrow for 30mph. In America they have long known the 25mph increases road safety. Why have we taken so long to do the same?

Parking on both sides of Hammerwood Road makes it impossible for emergency vehicles to get through, and parking on pavement is dangerous for wheelchair users, elderly and pushchairs.

Any forms of road safety would be most welcome but whatever is put in place needs to be enforced.

I am visually impaired so speeding traffic and parking on pavement is a problem.

Cansiron Lane - few passing places, several bends, many walkers, children and horses.

Traffic calming humps would be expensive, cut down parking and only slow down low suspension vehicles.

Too many speeding vehicles on A22 - access and egress to house very difficult.

Strongly support 20mph limit, but more needs to be done.

Parking on Saturday morning for football is getting a bit much. Buses, cars and emergency vehicles cannot get through.

Cars parked opposite entrance to Abbey by school parents and walkers cause a danger to the 40 or so cars trying to exit the Abbey.

If road is clearly visible 30mph is fine, but when lots of cars parked and one cannot see round them reduced speed is necessary.

Parking on both sides of Hammerwood Road creates blind spots for children crossing.

Emergency vehicles could not get through where Wray Close, Chapel Lane and Allens Close meet. Awful parking.

Delivery vans drive very fast down Cansiron Lane.

Selfish parking at corner of Phoenix Lane and Maypole Road, also cars park opposite on double yellow lines.

Apart from safety reasons, applying 20mph to the whole village removes the need for a plethora of road signs.

The top end of Hammerwood Road is like Silverstone! 0-60 both ways.

Parking at corners and junctions such as by Butchers. Also on pavements where pedestrians forced to walk in road.

20mph in Hammerwood Road all the way to Cansiron Lane, not just to Wall Hill.

Horses and bicycles not thought of.

No speed bumps. I don't believe they slow traffic and would cause problems for pedestrians.

The electronic speed sign was effective and reminded drivers of their speed.

Many of roads in the village do not have pavements or only partial pavements, so speed limiting is essential - plus better signage on tight bends.

Living on School end of School Lane it is worrying how fast some people drive down it! Speed bumps or one-way.

Bend by twitten to John Pears is treacherous to walk around - often going to the park with young children.

Cars parked opposite the Abbey. There is no concealed entrance sign but there is a tractor sign! Cars driving up road have to go on wrong side of road to pass parked cars. Dangerous for cars exiting the Abbey.

Parking, lack of pavements always going to be a problem as we choose to live in a village.

Football parking in Hammerwood Road a long standing problem for which no one has found an answer.

Concerned about fast traffic coming into village onto Maypole Road. No pavement for our children to walk to school.

Opposed to speed bumps.

Other road safety measures:

Speed bumps / cushions would be far more effective - particularly in Woods Hill Lane and Hammerwood Road

Traffic should be encouraged to slow down at brow of hill on Woods Hill Lane, especially as more people park there (contrary to Highway Code).

Racing/speeding cyclists should be banned. They race down Maypole Road at great speed and we do not hear them coming. Leisure activity which endangers pedestrians and delays ordinary road users.

Double yellow lines before or on blind bend where people park just past Maypole Road turn off in Hammerwood Road

Cut back hedge after War Memorial (on right after turning right from Wall Hill). This has encroached on road over last 40 years. Need to reclaim road.

One way traffic at Chapel Lane, from Hammerwood Road.

Maypole Road to be cleared of parked cars between Jon's and Loco where it narrows. Perhaps school field could be turned into a car park, or some other site e.g. tennis courts?

Street lights should stay on until pubs shut.

Double yellow lines in the short stretch of School Lane from Hammerwood Road to Dirty Lane. Parked vehicles cause a severe hazard at school arrival and departure times. Accident waiting to happen.

More controlled parking for school drop off/ pick up. Enforcing zigzag parking outside school.

Police ticketing of cars parked too close to junctions and blocking pavements

Traffic calming measures as on Imberhorne Lane would help.

Put posts on pavement at corner of School Lane / Maypole Road (shop side). (Parked cars) hinder visibility.

One way on Chapel Lane - it is very dangerous exiting Chapel Lane onto Hammerwood Road.

Speed ramps needed in Maypole Road to slow down speeding cars.

Village Gateways at all entry points with narrowing of road.

Deter use of village as cut through.

Address poor visibility around corner by John Pears, Hazel Ann Florist both for traffic and pedestrians.

Sleeping policemen needed along Hammerwood Road, Woods Hill Lane, Maypole Road.

Double yellow lines on junctions so cars can pull out safely, and at top of Woods Hill Lane where cars park opposite Woods Hill Close on brow of hill. But who will police these?

If traffic lights at Hammerwood Road/ A22, Park Lane could become one way (into village from A22 only) because of limited visibility.

Maintain visibility lines at junctions including cutting back hedges adjoining highways.

Discourage parking on brow of hill in Woods Hill Lane.

Speed limit for Hammerwood Road, from Bishops Green to School Lane.

Cameras and traffic calming measures are needed for those that ignore 30mph limit.

Pedestrian crossing by shop at Maypole Road/ School Lane would be welcomed as children are encouraged to walk to school. It would slow down those speeding through village.

Speed limit needed and calming humps (in Hammerwood Road).

Helpful if the 30mph sign on Wall Hill Road was moved further towards Forest Row before the bends.

Approach Wealden District Council regarding a speed limit for Homestall Road as traffic uses it as a cut through from A264 without due care.

Better visibility at junction of Park Lane and A22 as speeding traffic heading north from Forest Row makes exiting hazardous.

Double yellow lines in Hammerwood Road on the Three Crowns side so cars can park on the other side on the road instead of the pavement.

Make Maypole Road by the shops one way.

Gritters in icy conditions!

What about (20mph) in the other part of Hammerwood Road from War Memorial to Abbey and beyond. Cars and vans hurtle down there.

2 way mirror required at junction onto Hammerwood Road from Chapel Lane. See above comments (chicanes or speed bumps)

A flashing sign on A22 coming up from Forest Row as the 30mph sign is not prominent enough and traffic doesn't see it. Trying to cross road very dangerous.

Speed hump / traffic control in Maypole Road to help children walking to school.

Recommend chicanes in Hammerwood Road near Three Crowns, Woods Hill Lane, possible Maypole Road though parking seems to do the same job.