

A New Strategy for Chideock “High Street” – Cllr Peacock

This Plan is the Ultimate goal that I believe we are trying to achieve that is **We want our High Street Back.**

In brief, a wider pavement both sides of the A35 From the Village Hall to the end of Broadmead. Two more pedestrian crossing points for the new 20mph A35 in the High Street with average speed cameras.

The wider pavements to have deeper kerb stones. This will allow the pavements to be levelled with a very small camber from property front to new kerb for drainage. This will allow elderly walkers and invalid vehicles to proceed safely and with prams, allow pedestrians to pass without having to walk into the road.

We have nothing to lose with this plan .We can still continue to beat the door down with letters and emails ,even demonstrations for the wider goals we are currently trying to achieve .

But what happens to the traffic. The traffic entry will probably have to be controlled by traffic lights at either end of the Village if we are unable to provide the minimum width for an “A” road. The traffic is not our problem

But what about the congestion behind the possible traffic lights and delays getting into and out of Chideock. Again not our problem.

It is up to HE ,DFT , Defra, Dorset Council and others to sort out where the traffic goes.

Any pollution would be beyond the High Street and the Canyon affect.

We need a plan that all Residents and Chideock Councillors can sign up to.

THE strategy

If the plan is not accepted By HE , DFT, Defra, then CPC will have a legal and Human right to threaten or take Legal Action with others such as Client Earth. If we kick up enough of a stink we may get some of them to move or get assistance from Others.

If we are given the go ahead it will be up to HE,DFT,DEFRA to sort out the traffic or see ten mile tailbacks .

We will then have a plan for Chris Loder with full support from CPC and probably all Residents of Chideock.

If we are successful in getting funding or perhaps we may get a Benefactor. These are all our legal and Human entitlements. This could have a good chance of succeeding legally and with enough National and Local coverage we could win the legal battle with a little help.

As you will see from my report on RIS2 we have all the right credentials but without something to win.

It would cost about £3 million. With full pavements both sides and bus pull-ins at bus stops. Less, if we can maintain two way traffic.

There are two alternatives;

1*2m(6.5ft) wide pavements full length both sides of High Street with single track road 20mph and traffic lights.

2*0.91m(3ft, slightly less in some areas) wide pavements full length both sides of High Street double track road, narrowed, 20mph, no traffic lights.

Alternative 1 plenty of space for planters with flowers and small trees.

Alternative 2 Some space for planters with flowers and small trees.

These are only my suggestions others may want to see something else.

But to get 2m or more wide pavements the road can only be single file.

We could also look at what was previously done to the pavements to widen the A35. Was this actually legal ?

At Pedestrian crossings we could have the road raised to kerb level to slow traffic

Access could be limited with no HGVs/LGVS road can be more narrow . Car parks could be placed at either end of the Village for visitors and coaches. They could be free but open at 9am and close at 5PM. No overnight stays and good security to prevent Campers and other undesirables.

More businesses could spring up and like Lavenham in Suffolk .We could benefit from the Village's Heritage.

Pollution below legal levels.

No vibration from Heavy vehicles.

No excess sound. But we may need to do something about motorbikes.

Very safe for all.

Let Others sort out the traffic that should not be allowed into or through the village.

All traffic from the East to Seatown and holiday parks could turn left at the Car Park onto a new road behind Broadlands into Doghouse Lane .Duck street could be the only exit from Seatown and Holiday Parks as it is now .

Bus stops could be incorporated in wider pavements to let traffic flow

Lets give The Government a challenge.

We would need a Road Map and some artists impressions of what it will look like .A model perhaps at some stage

All the media could have these details.

We may need a campaign and maybe some Civil disobedience to show we need business.

We might need a Champion.

Write to the PM.

We have a Human and Legal right to live like this in the future.