

**NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL**

**The correspondence from HCC is below.**

Cllr Drew kindly passed on questions regarding highways verge cutting to HCC and has received this [LINK](#) from HCC to answer part of the questions along with the letter below.

It should be noted that if vegetation is causing sight line problems, then the public can report via the portal and HCC can respond at any time.



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Date: 23 June 2021

My reference 7078407

Your reference

Email



Dear Cllr Drew

**Qs from Nether Wallop PC**

I write in reference to your correspondence with Stuart Jarvis, dated 16 June 2021, regarding various concerns.

The A343 through Jacks Bush was reviewed as part of the County wide review of all A and B class routes which aimed to ensure that the speed limits on these routes remained the most suitable. This major review is complete and did result in changes being made at some locations. Given the extent of this work the Council's policy is that further changes to speed limits on A and B class routes will not generally be considered unless there is a significant change relating to development, use of the road or road casualty collision rates.

The County Council's current policy only supports traffic management measures, including changes to speed limits, where evidence clearly indicates that it will offer direct benefits in terms of road casualty reduction. Traffic management measures are primarily focussed on those sites where there is a related road casualty collision history and where a treatable pattern or common causation of casualty collisions can be identified. This establishes the basis for the highest priority for funding and resource being given to locations where recurring injury accidents are happening now and where measures are essential to reduce road casualties. On this basis this location is a lower priority and there are no current plans to investigate a speed limit reduction. The Council's policy can be viewed via the following link, along with further information on associated policy and criteria for specific traffic management measures.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadsafety/makingroadsafer>



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Bent Street is subject to a 6'6" width restriction with an exemption for access. This means that over width vehicles are prohibited from traveling through the restricted area unless they have a legitimate reason for access such as for deliveries. The regulatory signing is recognisable to drivers of HGVs and contraventions can be reported to the Police who have the powers to enforce this restriction. Increasingly drivers are choosing to use smart devices such as tablets and smart phones instead of traditional Satellite Navigation units, including HGV drivers. These devices are configured to route cars, bicycles and pedestrians, they are not suitable for routing HGV traffic and there are HGV specific Satellite Navigation devices on the market. Unfortunately, if any vehicle is using a sat nav designed for a car then these routes can be chosen if they are in anyway a legal right of way for standard motor vehicles. Add to this the individual configuration of the sat nav routing method (shortest vs. fastest), and the multitude of different devices and map versions on our roads (commercial provider/out of date/updated), and the issue becomes a challenge to manage. We always hope that most drivers evaluate the suitability of the route and adhere to road signage over the direction of any sat nav device, but sadly not all do, and I am afraid 'ignore sat nav' signing is unlikely to result in any change to this behaviour.

In relation to the untidiness of the A343, through Jacks Bush, I have raised an enquiry in our system and assigned it to the local highway engineer to inspect and take the necessary actions. You can track this enquiry on the following link, using the reference number 7078786.

<https://roadenquiries.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems/StatusChecker.aspx>

If, however, your concerns are regarding litter which appears to be causing the unsightly area, I can advise that litter picking is the responsibility of the Local District Council, which in this instance is Test Valley District Council. They can be contacted via 01264 368000 or [info@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:info@testvalley.gov.uk)

I trust this clarifies the council's position.

Yours sincerely,

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Highways Operation Centre



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