

Questions Jo emailed into Debbie Andre for the Sandown Town Council meeting Monday 16th September 2024

Traffic calming measures for Yaverland Rd :

Why is the existing Vehicular Activated Sign (VAS) /Speed Indicator Device (SID) by Yaverland carpark not operational?

Could we request pedestrian crossing at the Café (zebra crossing/traffic lights/ or road narrowing's)?

Huge majority of residents putting forward a request for a permanent/fixed Speed Camera - this would definitely stop the speed of some cars who must be doing 80-90mph

Could there be an additional raised section between the middle of the carpark and the Sailing club end (sleeping policeman type resource) as this would stop the cars gaining any speed in the area?

When is the grass area going to be locked with the barrier as with wet weather it is an open invitation to 'donut' of a nighttime until the early hours.

Anti-social behaviour/ nuisance driving:

Close Yaverland parking lot at night - could we have the barriers put across at the Yaverland kiosk end of the carpark at night? It would prevent the 'racers' congregating in there before their loops of Sandown at speed - and also the screeching in the carpark - it would also prevent theft at Yaverland Sailing club at night

Install CCTV cameras in Yaverland carpark to deter offenders

Parking issues Yaverland Close

Could the council increase the junction visibility by lengthening the double yellow lines to prevent cars parking so close to the junction itself on Yaverland Close

Outcomes and discussions from SC meeting

Feedback by Joanne Payne presented at the YRA AGM, 17 Sept 2024 at Sandown Bowls Club

We were invited to bring our concerns to the floor but only had 3 minutes to do so! Jo highlighted that we had been to the Police meeting and were advised to come to the Town Council meeting with our points.

We voiced that speeding along Yaverland road, Avenue Road, and surrounding areas (a loop around Sandown, Yaverland and Brading) had become a real concern for the speed, noise and danger to pedestrians etc. We witness on a daily basis speeds in excess of 70/80mph and it is in fact a 30mph road. We spoke of Yaverland carpark too. We also discussed the Speedwatch scheme but there was a lot of anxiety regarding this due to it being in our area and we are easily identifiable. Jo also raised that the community was also perhaps that of an elderly nature (including herself being no spring chicken!) and that perhaps this was too much to ask people especially with the abuse from motorists that it does attract (according to residents of Godshill and Brightstone).

Alex Lightfoot (Chairperson) stated that they didn't know why the police would suggest we come to the Council meeting as they had no funding or resources nor power to grant any traffic calming measures that we are proposing.

Debbie Andre talked about Speedwatch and that we can have the mobile speed camera for three months for free. Debbie offered to organise teams to do this but reiterated that it can't be volunteers from the local area – (so my question would be where are these volunteers going to appear from if not in Yaverland?). Anyone interested are to email Debbie Andre directly for volunteering.

The Police operation is still ongoing gaining intel for the anti-social speeding and noise from cars BUT it is imperative that we keep reporting anything we witness on 101 (even without registration numbers) as it builds a profile of time of day, when we saw antisocial driving and speeding taking place. If people don't want to complete 101 online or call 101 then email Debbie Andre and she'll compile it for the police.

Chairman refused to talk about Yaverland carpark as that would be the Isle of Wight Council jurisdiction. Debbie Andre did say that the grass field gate is now locked and would only be opened in the summer months when needed. Jo highlighted that it was a place where the cars congregated to then drive the 'loop' of Yaverland, Avenue road etc at speed. If the carpark was closed then maybe they would be deterred from doing this or traffic calming measures in the concrete end between the sailing club and the first middle speed bump.

Jo asked who she needed to contact at IOW council and they said your councillor Debbie Andre – whom we've already contacted. So I'll write to her again in the capacity of IOW Council.

A resident was asked why we couldn't have a fixed speed camera which works 24 hours a day to which it was stated that we haven't had them for 10 years on the Island – this was shut down way too quickly and without any supporting reasons. And as many of us stated they are still used on the mainland effectively and raise revenue with speeding fines. To be explored further perhaps! We stated that we were worried (and raised this as a concern) that it is an accident waiting to happen – to which one councillor said there was a crash in Fort Street carpark last night!

There is an IOW walking & Cycling scheme to be published soon and it is hoped that it may promote some traffic calming measures and attract some funding but this is an unknown.

Island roads have a Highway Safety Integrity register for identifying and quantifying traffic calming measures and where the 'hot spots' are (as these are forever changing). Debbie Andre will put the Carpark, Yaverland Road and Avenue road on the register.

The Vehicular Activated sign (speed indicator device) should be operational within a week as it has been highlighted to Island Roads and Highways (Jo has done this previously and they came out but couldn't fix it). It is located on the left hand side of the road close to the toilet block.

IT was reiterated several times that we must keep reporting the speeding or anti social speeding / noise to get our voice heard.

The Chairman did say that the Sandown Town Council will formally write to the Isle of Wight Council about the issues we are raising regarding Yaverland and Avenue Road.

So we keep plugging away – keep reporting. Jo will write again to anyone who will listen at Isle of Wight Council, as well as Debbie Andre. Keep raising the same points. One man from Avenue road asked the question of how much would a sleeping policeman cost – no one could give that answer – and he vowed that he would pay for two if some measures were put in place and once a cost for such traffic calming measures were given.

Incidentally, for information Yaverland Manor have approached the Council also in the past for traffic calming measures to be implemented from the roundabout down to Culver Parade but his concerns fell on deaf ears too. We have a lot of support between us.