

Clun Town Council

RESIDENTS VIEWS ON PARKING AND TRAFFIC IN THE TOWN

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What we did:

Many of you will know the Clun Town Council Traffic Working Group carried out a survey of residents that have direct frontage onto the main routes through the Town and are most directly affected by traffic and vehicles using these main routes. 136 survey forms were delivered and 72 returned. Quite a number of properties were empty and during the fortnight may well have remained empty so we believe the results actually underestimate the level of response.

We are very pleased with the response and the positive way that everyone has taken on the task and spent time in submitting their views. Thank you we are very appreciative, it is enormously helpful.

What we found out:

96% of responders own at least one car with 104 cars owned in total, averaging 1.5 cars per household. 54% of vehicles were usually parked in driveways/garages, 38% parked on street with about 10% being streets other than the one the respondent lived in, 7% were parked in a car park.

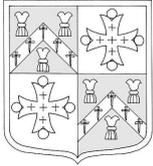
It is notable that 55% of respondents want more off-street parking, and 27% want marked parking areas on the street.

The survey asked a number of free text responses which backed up these points and provided a wide range of views and ideas. We have analysed these carefully in detail and they show the following:

A clear need to improve safe traffic flow, decrease 'dangerous' driving, and increase or improve parking.

Looking in more detail residents priorities become very clear. The "Top 4" are:

- To reduce the number of incidences where vehicles are perceived to be speeding.



- To prevent “dangerous” and “inconsiderate” parking on corners, bends, junctions and drive exits.
- To reduce the number of HGVs
- To Increase the amount of off-street parking

There were some variations between different locations but overall the picture remains the same. Other issues emerged to a lesser degree but include the inconsiderate driving of agricultural vehicles, the impact of visitors and events, damage to property and personal injury, and where those who work in Clun park.

What the Town Council working group is doing in response:

We are already in discussions with Shropshire Council regarding the proposed resurfacing of the main routes which we are told is planned for the 2019-20 financial year. We are considering with them approaches to improving the on street parking arrangements by making it clear where parking is desirable. These discussions also include possibilities for encouraging more appropriate speeds for the road conditions, and ways of managing some of the potential traffic ‘hot spots’ in the Town. Once these have progressed we shall provide a further opportunity to all residents to consult on the proposals before they are finalised.

In addition we continue to press SCC over the lack of appropriate HGV diversion signs at Purslow, and have submitted a report on the rather disjointed HGV signage in Knighton that they are working on with Powys and Hereford Councils.

The Clun Council Traffic Working group are also continuing to explore a range of options for more off street parking and to consider ways of decluttering and improving on-street signage.

The aim of all this work is to make Clun and even more attractive and enjoyable place for all or live and work here.

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