

MASHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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COMMENTS

SECTION 5 – INFRASTRUCTURE

QUESTION 24: What is your experience of the quality of the following Utilities?

With more housing sewerage a problem and electricity a problem

Mobile signal variable

Most of Masham has wi-fi but because we are part of the Parish, we can't get it

Private supply from Swinton Estate very bad. Not on mains sewer.

QUESTION 25: Flooding has proved to be an ongoing problem in parts of Masham. What more needs to be done to prevent this happening in the future?

Flood banks along river Ure. Attention to Swinney Beck

Providing land onto which the Swinney Beck can overflow before it reaches Masham

Divert Swinney Beck away from Masham or stop surface run-off going directly into Swinney

Better flood prevention measures north of Masham

Alter part of Swinney Beck

Enable Swinney Beck to flood a field near Mile House and let overflow from this go under Leyburn Road to Marfield wetlands

Swinney Beck needs cleaning out upstream of High Swinney bridge, it can also flood down Fearby Road when the beck is half empty

Swinney Beck needs regular clearance

Dredging the River Ure

Swinney Beck diverted to River Ure through Marfield wetlands

Planting more trees near to river;

Build a wall/flood gate to reduce flooding;

Rebuild main sewers;

Larger drainage for surface water;

Making sure debris is cleared out of Swinney Beck to stop it backing up

Ensure streams and becks are properly and regularly maintained

Do not build any more houses and roads to help ensure natural absorption and drainage to occur

Put Swinney Beck back to its natural course

Stop building on the countryside

Stop building on flood plains i.e., M8

Include more permeable ground in residential areas such as flower beds and grass

Effective drain maintenance

Improved monitoring of obstructions in Swinney Beck

Improved drainage output from Silver Street

Improve upstream before it gets to the town

Improve drains so they are more effective

I'm not an expert so find one!

Don't build on flood risk areas

Needs to be addressed

Drain and gulley clearance and maintenance

Drains to be cleared

Rubbish to be cleared from rivers/becks

Water storage

Active preventative measures to be ongoing

Keeping ditches clear

No building on Auction Mart site

Flood plains

Stop building more houses on land prone to flooding

Redirect Swinney Beck back to its original route towards quarry

Dredging of Swinney Beck

Correct drainage and cleaning of drains

Clean the blocked drains – Fearby Road and Thorpe Road

Stop increasing the area of hard surfaces which results from building new houses and access roads

Install a large underground sump to take the flood water which would feed the flood water away to the river

Drains cleaned out regularly and gutters along the road sides

The beck/river needs to be dredged regularly and thoroughly

Keep the drains cleaned out more regularly for a start!

Drains need cleaning regularly. Some streams need clearing of debris

Move quarry across road. More flood prevention measures. Dredging the river

Stop building any more new housing especially on green field sites

Altering Swinney Beck back to its original course

Be careful about planning housing – and anything passed the developer has to advance drainage

Council cleaning the drains more frequently – Masham sewerage system cannot cope with more houses. More houses – more flooding? Sewerage plant cannot cope

Silver street more drainage

As much as possible – not our area of expertise

No problem with Ure but problems with Swinney beck – clean out and deepen the river bed

Improve surface water drainage

Porous surfaces, clearing of drains more regularly design of houses altered so they could be on stilts.

Discourage decking – more grass for permeable drainage

Building less houses on land that floods and sorting out the sewage system- all needs upgrading – parts of Masham smell awful

Bridges to be cleared of built-up silt more often and regularly monitored

Rivers streams and drainage need more attention

Stop building in the flood plain as this causes flooding

Clearing drainage on roads

Surface water drains often blocked

Swinney Beck flood risk addressed

Replacement of drains in centre of town

Not enough drains. Pipes not large enough. Swinney needs diverting

Make sure Swinney Beck cannot overflow into the streets – e.g., Red Lane, Leyburn Road

Roads cleaned of debris – twigs soil rubbish leaves

Drains cleaned regularly; Swinney Beck dredged regularly

Kerb edges maintained

Enforcement of road cleaning by builders/farmers

Better drainage and cleaning of pipes

Regular dredging of the rivers/becks. Banks being built up

Large water tanks sunk into ground at the end of the allotments/Leyburn Road with drains running into them from Leyburn Road to limit flooding and water flowing down to the bridge. Water in the tanks could be used by allotment holders in the summer. Keep the drains clear! Proper maintenance! Remove debris from river and shore up the banks

Relating to sewage pipework we feel that the pipework is suffering because of its age. We suffered a flood of raw sewage due to a broken pipe

A planned approach to develop existing drainage and manage flooding issues

Ask the experts and let them tell you. It definitely needs sorting

Clean the road drains on Swinton Road more regularly. Sweep the gutters of leaves Swinton Road

To make money available to counteract these problems from wherever - it's about time

Redirect Swinney Beck to original watercourse

Not developing the field M8 which acts as a flood plain

The Swinney and other stream need to be kept clear. Restrict building unless drainage not impaired. Swinney could be returned to original course

Regular dredging of Swinney (volunteer labour) removal of bridges in at least one garden. Regular cleaning of street drains along flood route. Builders to stop washing cement tools next to drains – it sets under water

Clean drains more often

Better drainage on Silver Street

Plant more trees/woodland

Roadside gutters regularly cleaned out and drains cleared out.

The beck /river needs to be cleaned out often

Better drainage possibly?

Water courses need regular cleaning to stop backing up and flooding the town

Flood defences. Flood barriers

Clean the drains and waterway systems

Drains

Don't build any more houses

Deal with the cause, namely, Swinney Beck

Streams/Watercourses need to be managed properly. In the 1970's there was no flooding. Changes to stream/river bankings is what is causing problems

Sort out Swinney Beck

Drains cleared and kept cleared

Better flood defences

Work on the streams above the town like it used to be done. e.g., clearing debris and tidying banks

Dredging and drains cleared of debris

Most of the flooding in Masham comes from Swinney Beck. More needs to be done upstream in the farm at collecting areas and allowing flood plains and such like

Maintain clearance of Swinney Beck/Fearby Road flooding needs sorting out.

Divert main flow of Swinney Beck into Marfield to stop flooding of Auction Mart site & Leyburn Road

Divert rain water from Market Place from flooding Silver Street

Better management of Swinney Burn

More clearing of watercourses. Westholme Road

Renewal, upgrade of all sewage/drainage. To accommodate increase in building & use

Provision of gullies and maintenance of same

Higher bridges connecting housing developments and in private gardens over Swinney Beck

Swinney Beck needs something done higher up to stop such a volume of water coming down so quickly after a flow of heavy rain. The drains in Fearby Road near where it joins the main road are inadequate

Keep Swinney beck clear of weeds and silt every year

No building on flood plains like the Auction Mart

Swinney Beck should be cleaned out on a regular basis. It is level with fields in places which could lead to flooding

Flooding is the main danger from climate change, we have a brownfield site (the old auction mart) that is begging to be built upon, the overflow from Swinney Beck is planned to be incorporated into the plan when the quarry moves to the north/west side of Leyburn Road. This never seemed to be a problem before the beck was dug wider and the side banked up in the pre-1990's (W. Wise), and has only ever since been a problem when it flooded as a result of a round bale being dropped in the beck near the bridge just outside Masham on Fearby road

Better manage upstream planting and conservation

Road drains to be cleaned more often. Divert Swinney Beck at Fearby Road crossing for approximately 1200 yards to enter the Ure just above Masham bridge. This would eliminate almost all flooding within the town

Digging out ditches overflow system in place for Swinney Beck before it arrives at Masham

Drain covers so they aren't blocked so easily. I see in many villages the drains covered with wire netting; local volunteers then clear these when clogged rather than it going down. Less building houses more planting trees! Quite simple really

Keep drains, ditches and water courses clean and clear. Put in long term solutions

In heavy rainfall either the Swinney Bridge crossing on Fearby Road or field run-off floods the Fearby Road/Leyburn Road junction and the surface water drains get blocked by mud. It is a matter of civil engineering or maintenance that needs attending to

The embankments along the river Burn, upstream from Masham need to be removed and the surrounding fields turned back to floodplain

Re-route Swinney Beck

Adequate maintenance of water courses. Allow for flood areas away from urbanisation. Divert where appropriate

Ensure that banks of Swinney are fit for purpose, undertake desilting where necessary. Divert Swinney away from town area to River Ure using what is believed to be its original course via Marfield Wetlands to the Ure thus limiting flow of water into town area. Removal of artificial weirs and obstructions. Ensure that drains are fit for purpose to take any overflow from large Market tarmac area and adjoining streets. Separation of surface water from sewerage in order to ensure that any water going to rivers is clean

Better drainage, improved communication on areas likely to flood

Keep Swinney Beck flowing

Accept it's going to happen and plan accordingly. Guide water through the town and to the river, storm drains. Slow water down further upstream

Slow water down upstream. Use less tarmac

Improved drains on Silver Street and drainage above Swinney Beck

Highway drainage inadequate along rural roads and in neighbouring villages

Improved drainage system. Proper care and cleaning of Swinney Beck, a major cause of flooding in parts of Masham

Discourage replacing open ground with hard/non-porous surfaces.

Need to sort the problem near Beavers Butchers and maybe look at moving Swinney Beck

Swinney Beck from Low Spelderbanks Farm needs to be completely diverted into Marfield Wetland when quarry workings cross the road. Water will still flow through Masham from Mickleborough Farm (Nesom's).

No more housing

Unfortunately, planners have allowed properties to be built in flood risk areas. It's a problem that should have never existed. Better research by planners and developers should be undertaken before allowing more mistakes being made. Common sense should prevail

Better drainage - it can't be that difficult to sort out but it seems to be insurmountable for some reason

Maybe look further upstream and identify areas where water can be held or slowed

Regenerative agriculture. Work further up the dale

I believe the flooding of leyburn road could be prevented simply by clearing Swinney Beck further upstream and/or implementing a way of diverting the stream (upwards from Fearby bridge) when needed, into a field naturally. The costs incurred would be minimal over the years compared to what is currently ongoing for the council and local property.

Action to divert Swinney Beck in spate into the quarrying and Marfield wetlands solves the whole problem in one stroke

Better provision for flood water down the Swinney Beck and Fearby Road. Better flood drainage down Silver Street

Becks to be kept free of blockages, more tree planting and positive flood reduction measures,beavers?

Divert Swinney Beck upstream so it does not flow through Masham

The Ure is going to do what it does. Regarding the more serious recent flooding from the Swinney, perhaps a culvert from north of Fearby Road under the A6108 to Marfield / the Ure might help?

Swinney Beck needs to be improved to keep it free flowing. Flood management further upstream would help

Re-diversion of Swinney Beck

We need a remediation plan for both Swinney Beck and for the drainage in the town, especially around Silver Street. It is simply not acceptable that a hilltop area is subject to flooding

Sustained effort to tackle flooding from becks. Flood risk/possible exacerbation of this should be primary concern in assessing housing development

Manage the Swinney Beck watercourse properly with clearance and cleaning, have a diversion or overflow culvert to the Ure when in spate.

As a minimum more drainage channel and waterway clearance should be considered. Many 'upstream/downstream' areas influence the level of local water levels and potential / real flooding. Major structural drainage schemes should be part of a 'local/regional' development scheme.

Regular light dredging/unblocking of Swinney Beck near Fearby Road. Regular cleaning/unblocking of street drains

Keeping drains clear in the summer it gets very dusty this should be swept up because when it rains again it obviously ends up going down the drains.

Landowners/Farmers need to ensure watercourses are properly managed and adequate means of enforcement introduced. Some of the local paths on both sides of River Burn by the golf course are

very prone to flooding and need more effective restoration. Small meanders in the river course are badly eroding the riverbank and local paths. Recent prevention work there has been ineffective.

Stopping run-off from the Moors

Ensure all drains are clear regularly. Ensure Swinney remains clear at bridges. Require quarry on Leyburn Road to provide flood protection ponds. Encourage farmers/estate to plant more trees upland. Better drainage on new sites

Clear drains regularly prior to the winter and other predictable wet periods of the year. Create more ditches at the sides of the roads to prevent flooding and extensive areas of lying surface water.

Clean out Swinney Beck in the immediate future

Keep drains clear and reduce or slow the run off of rain from land

Redirect Swinney Beck to the Ure via Marfield Wetlands/Quarry.

Nature-based solutions to slow the flow upstream at Swinney beck and wetlands upstream of Masham.

Regularly clean and maintain the surface water drains along Red Lane, Park Street and Silver Street.

Divert Swinney Beck into the River Ure.

Ensure that Swinney Beck can flow freely and unobstructed through private properties without causing any flooding of properties along any Red Lane, Park Street and Silver Street.

Drains and waterways maintained.

Water diversion routes that won't cause flooding for other properties. Preventative drain unblocking before bad weather, including road and pavement sweeping to clear mud and leaves that become blockages.

Flood plains need protecting. Drainage system needs maintaining. Businesses / industrial organisations need to be better at managing water run-off and take responsibility for water run-off that floods public roads.

Better drainage channels along the roadside may help. When Swinney Beck bursts the water runs straight down Leyburn Road damaging properties along the main route. Lots of the current drainage grids appear blocked with mud / tree debris. Additional drainage / water storage may also help.

Swinney Beck needs attention

Consideration of impact of future housing developments. Proactive flood defences, investigate why water doesn't flow away and do something about it where possible. Where not, provide sensor based/technological alerts for anyone in an at risk area.

There is a plan by Masham Parish Council to take excess flood water back through the wetlands that requires the Marfield quarry to enact in their early stage quarrying of gravel from their new site. This would solve pretty much all the problems when enacted. In the meantime, slowing down the flow of water in the upper reaches of the Swinney and dredging of areas within Masham together with removal of obstructions within gardens would help.

Better maintenance of road gullies and road surfaces (to avoid puddles). New housing developments not allowed to add to the existing problems.

Engage an expert in this area so a permanent solution to this ongoing problem can be found.

Better flood defences and water drainage systems/canals

Silver Street drainage needs urgent improvement

Retain gardens less concrete, clearance of drains and water courses, looking at farmland

Flood defences and improved drainage for known problem areas. Ensure existing drains are well maintained and cleaned

Dredging of Swinney Beck

Urgent redirection of Swinney Beck. Maintenance and repair of existing surface water drainage gulleys and pipework

Don't allow plans for building on areas that clearly already flood, such as the Swinton Road development behind the Oaks. Improve maintenance of roads and drains to mitigate drainage issues at times of high rainfall

Swinney Beck needs to be regularly dredged

Clean out the Swinney stream on Fearby Road so it stops overflowing out the gate next to small bridge

Upstream control of river flow to slow the arrival of the Ure at Masham

Bypass the Swinney Beck through new quarry

Possibly deepen Swinney Beck as it runs through residential areas.

Pre warning to residents to prepare for flooding e.g. river level watch

Better surface run off drainage, better drainage along Silver Street

Drains cleared out, becks cleared out. Control of surface water – the more concrete/tarmac less soak-away creating more surface water.

QUESTION 26: Would you support the following (14) traffic and highways measures being introduced?

Improvements to pavement cleaning – particularly to unpaved roads – Black Bull yard.

Fixed parking charges – with local permits

Pothole repairs

QUESTION 27: What is your view on the quality of our roads, pavements, and footpaths for safe use by the following specific groups: Cyclists, Horse riders, Mobility Scooters,

Pedestrians, Wheelchair users, road/path users at night: and what should be done to improve them?

More dropped curbs/crossing places

Fewer raised flags/uneven pavements which are trip hazards

1.5m distance signs for cyclists

More maintenance and upkeep

Resurface footpaths to give a smooth finish

Pot holes filled in on the roads for cyclists

Pavements repaired and cleaned of debris

Better lighting, cycle lanes and signage

Ensure vehicles are parked according to the law

Ensure wheelie bins do not obstruct footpaths on non-collection days (e.g., Leyburn Road)

Dropped kerbs that correspond with each other

Widening of footpaths to allow push chairs and wheel chairs to safely negotiate footpaths especially on Silver Street;

Footpath from Masham to Swinton

Repair and maintain - Chapman Lane a continual problem

Car block access

Drop kerbs/ramps for wheelchairs/pushchairs/elderly walkers

Fill potholes and level uneven footpaths/pavements

Improve access onto pavements

Regularly resurface

Slightly wider paths and extend towards Swinton

Fill potholes and repair uneven roads

Keep the footpaths clean

The road outside Black Sheep brewery is full of some large potholes

More Local Authority money put into the yearly budget for the upkeep of local roads and pathways

Some of the footpaths are in a terrible mess

Make sure cars don't park on footpaths outside houses on main roads causing obstruction for pedestrians and other traffic

One-way systems in town wherever possible

Controlled pedestrian crossings

Stop vehicles parking on footpath

Make Silver Street and Church Street a clear way with loading zone for businesses

Improve the pavements – quite a lot of potholes

More ramps on and off pavements

Potholes in Silver Street and other areas – having used a wheelchair for a short time I found the camber on the pavements difficult as I was forced down to the road. The camber is too steep on some pavements

Sort all potholes. More yellow lines

No safe place to cross. Speed limit of 20mph in whole of Masham. Fines for vehicles parking on pavements. Wheelchair users need more safety slopes from pavement to road and cars not to park on these slopes

It would help to have pavements levelled

Making better footpaths,

Sorting out potholes,

Stop people parking both sides of roads and stop people parking on the footpaths.

Ask residents to cut back hedges on junctions – blocking car drivers views

Cars parking on footpaths

Keep them mended

Parking can cause issues when on kerbs for mobility scooters, wheelchair/pushchair users – also more designated dropped kerbs

Cleaning of soil debris, leaves maintain kerbs. (unreadable) damage to road/footpaths

Complete replacement

Some footpaths are very narrow e.g., Hospice shop to main park entrance and often overgrown from garden shrubbery, making even single file walking difficult. Paving slab paths (town centre) are uneven and slippery in bad weather

Regular maintenance checks and easy reporting of issues

Uneven pavements and potholes mended

To stop parking where there are lowered kerbs – more regulations please

Improve lighting, fill in potholes and more ramps for scooters

Fill potholes professionally or resurface. Clean and maintain

Vehicles allowed to park too close to road ends. Find a way of levelling footpath on Church Street near to Bah Humbugs – impossible for wheel chairs /mobility scooters

Footpaths on road to Swinton are in a poor state and need repairing. Potholes fill in, regular street kerb washing and no parking when cleaning to take place

More drop kerbs for wheelchair users

Whilst it can be difficult for those with poor mobility it would be good to see improvements that are in keeping with the aesthetics of Masham (i.e., not tarmac everywhere!)

Paths need levelling - pushing a wheelchair around Masham is a nightmare

More street lights in poorly lit areas – footpaths either side of Theakston's brewery

Too many potholes

Keeping drains clear

More money for the upkeep of roads

Too many cars are parked in congested areas and on narrow roads as well as parked on paths

Potholes should be repaired on roads causing damage to cars and injury to cyclists

Mend potholes check pavements are flat. Redo crossing outside garage

More lighting

Stop car from parking on pavements. Have space markings for cars in the Square

Sort out the paths up Swinton and Dykes Hill and further on

Not patching them, do complete re-surfacing on roads and footpaths

Repair pot holes – particularly Chapman Lane which isn't too bad currently but which is a combined trip hazard and often very dangerous at night as it isn't lit

More footpaths on rural roads e.g., along Swinton Road

Deal with water that stands in puddles on most footpaths, also make them level

Tarmaced footpaths are often difficult to navigate as too thin, non-existent, or blocked with parked cars. Local off road footpaths gates are too thin or too rough for wheelchairs and push chairs

Make them safe and consult the experts

Red Lane pavement, roadway too narrow? One way?

More dropped kerbs for wheelchairs etc. Less potholes for pedestrians especially at night. Adoption of Back Lane from Westholme to College Road

Re-surface the roads where required – more street lighting on footpaths

People park on the pavement sometimes which makes it difficult for anyone on a mobility scooter or push chair. It would help a lot of people could be stopped from parking near Westholme Road – often it is impossible to see oncoming traffic when pulling out

Better surface, not patching up so it cracks at the first frost!

Better levelling. Improved lighting

You cannot ride a horse on the roads in or around Masham and the traffic is fast moving, a lot of HGVs travelling at speed and too many parked cars on narrow streets.

Roads leading out of Masham, particularly the road to Swinton, should have a properly built footpath, at least as far as the Golf Club. Cycle paths, or at least lines on main roads, should designate cycle tracks. In Masham there should be easier ramps from paths to roads, and wider footpaths where possible, to accommodate pushchairs, mobility scooters etc

Regular maintenance and dropped kerb crossings. Narrow roadways encourage vehicular abuse of pathways. Refuse bins left out on pathways, particularly Thorpe Road

Stop people parking in front of lowered pavements designed for mobility access and parking on foot paths

Stop people parking on pavements, over crossing places and the biggest problem people that park too near to junctions or opposite them. The entrance off Thorpe Road to Swinburn Terrace being the major problem with that

Proper re-surfacing not patching and regular cleaning

For cyclists and horse riders, it is in the nature of a very old town to not be able to accommodate Mobility scooters/wheelchairs etc - educate drivers in not parking on foot-ways. Get the numbers of the cars (a mobile phone photo) and use the DVLC facilities to send the registered keeper a reminder. There are places where it is very difficult to cross the road - end of Silver Street towards the Garage and at the bottom of Little Market Place. The pavement is very narrow on Swinton Road where the building stop on the Southern side. There is no footpath on the Northern side. That is a site that needs improvement - particularly with development M8 above

Stop cars parking over the pavements and over dropped kerbs in residential areas. Fill in the potholes

Ensure that pavements have suitable dropped kerbs to enable wheelchair access, attention to be given to cambers which might adversely affect persons using chairs, walkers etc. Ensure that any steep areas have suitable handrails

The Parish Council should take action

Designated walkways across the Market Place, just yellow cross hatched no parking areas. From MCO past Bordar House to the Market Place, where the motorbikes park. From Sweet shop along to the Pharmacy, mobility scooters and rollators cannot get onto the pavement by Broadleys. No parking from the Fruit and Veg shop to Lawton's corner so the dropped curbs can be accessed. Very difficult to cross and get onto the pavement at Lawton's corner, difficult to know where cars are going when crossing there

improved lighting and re-surfacing areas such as Black Bull Lane

Potholes to be filled more regularly

Also need a pedestrian crossing on Leyburn Road by the garage. Stop cars blocking dropped pavements. Have footpaths marked as no parking areas across the Market Place, you can't always get between the cars and can't get mobility scooters onto the pavement at Broadleys or across the cobbles. Also, around Bordar House Teas where the motorbikes park so mobility aids can pass and go to the MCO and bus stop. Some form of footpath needed from Theakstons to Red Lane past the Fire Station. Pedestrian crossing on Leyburn Road, bus stops away from the Market Place. Scaffolding on the snicket near the Old Library needs to come down

What about cars and motorcycles? The state of the roads causes cars to swerve or come too far across the lanes and the holes and gravel are a huge hazard for motorcycles. Please stop being so woke, roads are not just used by minorities

Not easy but some pavements need to be wider

There are insufficient dropped curbs, a review needs to be made of access arrangements for wheelchairs and mobility scooters

Improve general maintenance. Remove items permanently/semi-permanently placed on pavement that are outside of the resident's property boundary

People should not park over dropped kerbs

Some levelling and some widening in places would improve them. Perhaps 80-90% of them are perfectly adequate.

If you start adjusting pavements etc the character of Masham will be ruined. Visitors come because of how Masham is not what it could be. Leave well alone!

Lighting to improve

Not sure you can do much in the centre of Masham but where possible widen pavement and more drop kerbs

Concentrate on repairing surfaces properly not just patching and signs to indicate that other road users are about i.e., cyclists and horse riders. Perhaps some passing places on narrow roads that are safe to access and are paved

Trying to navigate Masham on a cycle is difficult due to all parked cars, this will be the same for mobility scooters, that said, not sure what the solution is

Don't repair, resurface then keep heavy trucks out of the town centre

More dropped kerbs and better surfacing of pavements in particular. Making it clearer where the dropped kerbs are, perhaps by allying them to pedestrian crossings

Widen

I am a wheelchair user. Masham is appalling for disabled people. A 20MPH speed limit is essential. The absence of a pedestrian crossing in central Masham beggars belief. One takes serious risks attempting to cross the road. Vehicles seldom stop. Lorry traffic adds to the danger. On-pavement parking prevents prams, wheelchairs, mobility scooters from safe transit

Lower speed limits on narrow roads where no actual footpaths or cycle lanes

Law enforcement against persistent parking on pavements. Installation of bollards to prevent same. Law enforcement against parking on double yellow lines and on kerb drop downs. Cleaning of the footpath along Thorpe Road. Removal of bins from the pavement along Thorpe Road. Increased maintenance and repair of roads and footpaths within Masham. Harrogate take the cash reserves and Masham is ignored

The trouble with remediation of a limited resource in favour of one group is that it often degrades the experience of another group

Keeping up with repairs, more attention to trip hazards e.g., changes in kerb height, more kerb-free points for scooters and buggies, designated pedestrian crossing point in centre of Masham

Improve quality of pavement surface, double yellow lines in front of dropped kerb wheelchair/buggy access points pavement to road

The question is one of 'cost/benefit'. Local residents / tax payers are inundated with increased and ever higher costs. Only the local area i.e. the centre of Masham should be considered for improvements. - where necessary and where a disproportionate cost is not imposed on all to service a limited number of beneficiaries

Relaying of surfaces pothole repair

The narrow road from Swinton to Masham urgently needs pedestrian walkway/protection and vehicle speed restriction

Too many potholes

Dropped curves need increasing and making smoother. Dangerous crossing Silver Street in chair or scooter

Pavement maintenance, lighting dark pavements - older people say they won't go out in the evenings due to these factors - issue for elderly isolation and participation in the community

Mend potholes! Repair pavements and ensure that they are free from obstructions

Masham to Swinton needs a pavement either side of the road

Some pavements are so mucky they are like offroad (towards Swinton + l'Anson's). Too busy to ride + no bridleways

Properly designed street lighting

More dropped kerbs. Wider pavement where very narrow if possible

Restrictions on large vehicles through the centre of Masham

Stop people parking on the pavements, where doing so means wheelchairs and mobility scooters cannot get past

Some of the paths are far too narrow, add in cars parked mounting the kerb and it forces buggies / mobility scooters into the road. Preventing parking alongside narrow sections would enable pedestrians to remain on the footpaths. Additional street lighting would be very welcome

Speed trap + pedestrian crossing outside Jet garage on Leyburn Road as vehicles go too fast - dangerous for pedestrians/children. Same applies to crossing on Silver Street (corner near Bay Horse) especially for school children

Placement of dustbins, benches and planters preventing people in wheelchairs and use of pushchairs on the footpath down Grewelthorpe road. and also parking on footpaths preventing users using footpaths in general

Maintain the roads & pavements. More pavements. Wider pavements. Bollards to prevent vehicles driving or parking on pavements. Better education & enforcement of rules of the road. Better pavement lighting (some pavements are not lit at all)

Some footpaths are too narrow in parts and there aren't any suitable safe crossing areas along from Silver Street to Market Square.

Lighting in some areas poor

Continual, but effective repairs (not short-term, cheap jobs!)

Pavement should be available all along Swinton Road

Cycle lanes and more lighting at night

Potholes filled. Roads to be edged properly so the verges don't spill into the road and the edges don't crumble off, leaving holes

More bridleways to allow horses to get off the roads as people don't slow down for horses anymore

The footpath between Masham and Swinton could really be improved so that there is a walk way the whole route. People often park in front of the lowered curb in front of WTS restaurant, yellow lines or similar would really help to highlight. There's not many bridle ways around Masham

Reduced speed limits on all country roads properly enforced by police/cameras

Potholes filled in. Cracks in paving stones filled/stones replaced

Consider improvements in and around town centre - probably not practical to do much outside of town. Consider improved lighting and/or signage at known road/pavement accident or incident hotspots

Widen in places. Level pavements is Church Street steps outside Bag Humbugs.

Uneven surfaces and potholes need ongoing repair. More dropped kerbs needed and cars prevented from parking across them. Pavement protection against wagons etc on corners

Maintenance of pavements. Prevention of bins being stored on pavements. Speed limits introduced and enforced in town. Maintenance of road surfaces (lorries particularly cause excessive damage which impacts road users and cars)

The road surfaces don't last five minutes! Constant potholes!

Maintenance of footpaths, e.g., footpath along Swinton Road that's almost disappeared

Potholes filled paths cleaned road sweeper to clean roads paths kept unblocked from dust bins etc

Drop kerbs/ramps & wheelchairs/pushchairs/elderly walkers. Also fill potholes & level/even footpaths/pavements

Lights

Introduction of double yellow lines / traffic free zones in Masham

Parked cars obstructing pavements

QUESTION 28: How frequently do you use existing bus service (including Yorbus)?

Mainly Northallerton, Ripon and Bedale

Leeds

Ripon & Patrick Brompton

Ripon & Harrogate

Bedale & Ripon

Ripon

Use Harrogate bus within Harrogate

Ripon, Richmond, Bedale

Ripon

Bedale, Ripon, Northallerton

Ripon and Bedale

Ripon Bedale and Harrogate

Ripon or Richmond

Ripon, Northallerton, Harrogate

Harrogate

Ripon and Bedale

Work – I leave 3-4am. Bus service irregular and not in appropriate direction

Bedale and Ripon

I have a wheelchair

Ripon and Bedale

Leeds – I work there

Have to be retired to use the bus service. I have a car as no bus before 9 and very poor frequency.

Has got so much worse since I have been here – 21 years.

North Stainley

I cannot walk the distance to the bus stop. Need a vehicle to get (unreadable) and then park before catching a bus

We have a car

Ripon/Bedale

Buses don't run the right time for work morning and evening

Ripon, Northallerton

Ripon, Bedale, Leyburn – Bedale then the 73 to Northallerton

Ripon, Richmond, Bedale

Ripon, Thirsk, Northallerton, Otley

Ripon, Bedale

Ripon, Bedale, Harrogate

Everywhere

Ripon, Bedale, Harrogate, Leeds

Ripon, Harrogate, Northallerton, Leyburn

Around Masham / Ripon / Northallerton

Ripon, Bedale, Harrogate

Ripon, Richmond, Bedale

Bedale

Ripon, Bedale, Harrogate and Northallerton

Ripon

Not used, travel sickness on bus

Local towns and villages

Ripon, Richmond, Bedale, Northallerton.

Ripon most often. Bedale sometimes. Richmond occasionally.

Ripon

York

Ripon

Bedale / Ripon / Northallerton

Ripon

**QUESTION 29: Which of the following would encourage you to use public transport more?
If none of the above what else would?**

Ability to use own car

Better connections for buses provided by different companies

I think the bus service is adequate for the area at the moment

Route to Northallerton, Richmond and Catterick

Nothing

Revised routes to reduce journey times

Ability to take bikes on the bus

Direct service to Northallerton

Nothing – I am a community nurse in Leeds

Necessity/lack of own vehicle

Run at right time for workers

Additional route to Northallerton to enable access to Friarage hospital. Buses to Bedale on Saturdays

Nothing

Joined up service to Northallerton

When I no longer drive

Service to Northallerton for Hospital

Direct routes to hospitals for appointments & visiting

Visible maps of routes

Bus routes served by 'taxis' instead of buses

I wouldn't use public transport

Buses need to stop where people live. It's a long way to walk to the market, from where most older people live around the Westholmes

Buses are dirty, uncomfortable, too infrequent or late. I will always avoid them and use a car or taxi

Access for a large powered wheelchair

Taking my driving licence away

Nothing

I can't walk as far as the bus stop. More stops in the town would help me

If I lost my driving license

Specific services to connect with trains

I live too far out to use public transport

Nothing would

Making public transport more convenient and cheaper than using my own vehicle.

But I would definitely use them if I didn't have a car / couldn't drive

Currently I travel by car. When I am no longer able to do this, I will really appreciate and need to have a regular bus service

Nothing

QUESTION 30: Have you any other comments about traffic and transport e.g., which do you feel are the most dangerous stretches of roads, should speed limits be better enforced by police, how could the work carried out by Highways be improved etc

HGVs thundering down Thorpe Road, Park Street, Silver Street. Diesel fumes are a danger to public health. Assessment of traffic pollution needed on Lawsons corner. HGVs start revving at 4am onwards – need to be restraints on their travel 8am to 6pm. HGVs travel too fast. A bollard was knocked down on Park Street – could have been a child. Double yellow lines 20 mph speed limit and chicanes/speed bumps would add to exhaust pollution.

Please can you do something for residents parking on Park Street. Due to visitors and tourist it's impossible to park at times. This is the main reason we want to move. With a family it makes life very hard and its dangerous for young children.

Overall good

Traffic down Leyburn Road past the garage. Dozens of huge lorries come down at speed and could not stop if needed to. With traffic going in and out of Co-operative store makes it even more dangerous. Also, traffic coming up the hill on Leyburn Road go too fast for people to cross the road

Entry into Masham on Leyburn Road

Slow markings on road near Swinton Road junction

Speeding vehicles on Park Street. Far too many lorries and heavy HGVs driving through town

The need for a by-pass

Parking on footpaths should be strongly policed. It appears to be fully acceptable to park fully or partly on the footpaths of Masham

No parking on Church Street

The most dangerous stretch of road is the main one through Masham, particularly where Broadleys corner is & where it is hazardous to cross with 3 other roads entering it also. Also, huge lorries using this road

Parked cars on main route through Masham, Silver Street, Church Street and Park Street

The Oaks access to new estate will be dangerous, as it is not wide enough and should never have been approved at the expense of residents & pedestrians. Accidents do not happen, they are caused in this case by developer and councils, Masham, Harrogate, & NYCC, not being prepared to provide alternative means of access to the Oakland Park development

A recent survey found most traffic on 6108 was not much over speed limit

Parking on yellow lines on Silver Street is not regulated

Swinburn Road, The Oaks – too many parked vehicles on both sides of the road.

Crossing the main road near the garage is dangerous.

Resident local badge to allow locals limited parking near shops/square etc. But no visitor parking along streets esp. Church Street & Silver Street

Double yellow lines on silver street to be reinstated. End of Silver Street to petrol station – one way only. Chapman Street -one way only

Much traffic drives through Masham at more than 30mph. Park Street can be dangerous. Enforce speed limits

Repair roads quicker

Government cuts have reduced the services to remote areas

Pedestrian crossing lollypop lady/man

Parking on double yellow lines and on pavements is common place. The police do nothing about this and Masham seldom traffic warden presence. Also parking on junctions and drop-down kerbs for pedestrians. Again, no deterrent. Most dangerous are Park Street and Thorpe Road, Swinton Road Silver Street and Leyburn Road.

The Oaks is already a busy road – it will get worse by the new development. Probably an accident waiting to happen

The speed limit needs to be lower in Masham

Swinton Road traffic too fast

Restrict HGVs through Masham. A6108 from Halfpenny Lane needs to be washed to remove quarry dirt at quarry's expense. This was done in my village in South Yorkshire

I believe Swinburn Road/The Oaks should be made residents only as an increase in traffic using it as a cut through is going to be problematic and dangerous to children playing out and using the small park

Traffic flies up and down Swinton, traffic speeding up Swinburn Road and traffic through Masham needs slowing down

Lollypop person for school children crossing

20mph speed limit through Masham

Junction between Fearby Road and Commonhead drive and Foxholme too narrow to pass - always on the footpath

The Avenue between the bridge and Silver Street needs attention with regards to traffic speed with a number of accidents all speed related over the past few years. Requires either permanent speed cameras in operation or some sort of speed calming measures to be put in place

Further speed restrictions in known accident black spots

Speeds of larger goods vehicles such as tractors and HGVs should be reduced through the centre of town

Swinton Road, The Avenue and Fearby Road

In this town the parking and density dictates speed

More signs will detract and those who wish to ignore will do so as policing will be inadequate

Double yellow lines on Silver Street need to be maintained and interestingly it is easier to cross the road where parking makes the road 'one way'

Permanent dedicated cycle lanes are needed in and around Masham

HGVs drive too fast down Park Street and through the town and they often mount the kerb damaging the paths and bollards

Enforce existing 30 mph on whole of A6108 through Masham; highways to make improvements to signage at north end of A6108

Too many large lorries travel through the town

Silver Street needs to be one way at the top of the bank near to Leyburn Road

30 mph signs should be moved to the Burton side of the bridge

40 mph sign should be moved to the Bedale side of the cottages on Mill hill

More obvious road markings and halt signs

Zebra crossing on Bentleys corner to kiosk

20 mph speed limits through areas like Swinburn road/oaks or resident only signs and no through road

Heavy traffic on Park Street (we need a bypass) and other areas of the town increasing noise and fumes

30mph not adhered to

Parking on pavements e.g. The Oaks and adjoining roads

Cars speeding on Masham to Swinton Road (very dangerous – yes to police enforcement)

Signs replaced (blind summit) at wide bend on A6108 where fatalities and near misses are common signs were put up last year and for no reason taken down

Parking on park street into Grewelthorpe Road needs double yellow lines so that you can't park on both sides of the street

Improved maintenance on roads leading into and out of Masham (e.g. Fearby road) particularly the verges where the road crumbles away and also flooding drainage issues need to be addressed

Improved pavement/path along the side of the Swinton Road leading to the golf course (this is currently a dangerous road to walk along)

Junction of Leyburn Road and exit from Market Square (near Victorian drinking trough)

Extremely heavy traffic Thorpe Road – Park Street. Park Street is very narrow and large numbers of hgv's use this section of road. The exit from Park Drive is hazardous especially as a large telegraph pole blocks view to left

Masham – Swinton Road most dangerous

Thorpe Road – speed to be enforced by Police

Silver Street – one way

Public transport poor should run both earlier and later. How about the Ripon to Harrogate being extended to Masham every hour

Roads are fine – slightly better than paths (that's all)

Speeding along Leyburn Road, cars lorries and motorbikes in Summer

Walking with my walker from the end of Fearby Road to the Co-op feels like walking on the hard shoulder of a motorway. Huge HGVs speed along so fast just inches from the pavement that I'm often (in my feeble state) almost blown over from the draft, try it and see

Lawsons corner is another dangerous stretch, improve by improve a Zebra crossing

Silver Street needs to be one way onto Leyburn Road.

Pavement furniture to be along Silver Street

Leyburn Road opposite garage needs double yellow lines and pavement furniture

Question 26 is ridiculous – how would these measures be enforced given existing double yellow lines are ignored

Most dangerous is the ridiculous parking at Steam Rally, Sheep Fair and bonfire night

The very narrow lane on Silver Street, just across from the Jet petrol station should be one way not two way. The street is made even narrower by all the parked cars outside the houses

Park Street: no parking signs to be put out early every weekend in the spring and summer on one side of road. 30mph enforced by wardens or police regularly

The Oaks is a dangerous stretch of road because it is used as a cut-through to avoid the town and drivers speed along it. The bridge at the entrance to the Oaks from Westholme road is already a bottle neck with an accident waiting to happen and this going to exacerbated by the extra traffic from the new Oaks development with this being the only entrance/exit to the residential part of the development. This was highlighted to Harrogate Council before work began on the development and no notice was taken of it whatsoever. How is this going to be addressed now? Answer it is too late. Let's hope too many people are not injured or killed as a result

Definitely! 20mph on Swinburn road through to the Oaks. At the moment a danger to children. The speed that some drivers go through is really mad! No good waiting until it is too late! Not only cars, delivery vans etc something needs doing. Now we are getting more houses of which I agree with so there will be a lot more traffic

Control required on Leyburn Road, The Avenue, Westholme Road, Swinburn Road, The Oaks and Thorpe Road. Zebra crossing at Broadley's corner

Masham – Swinton Road very dangerous

The most dangerous stretch of road is from the Swinton Road T junction to Swinton Park which will only get worse if planning is approved on the green field site to the rear of Swinburn Road

Double white lines from 30mph sign past allotments towards the garage

Keep the potholes up to date

The Avenue – 20mph due to recreation ground

A 20mph speed limit should be applied to Masham as the speed of the lorries and tractors down Park Street is scary

Increased population has resulted in more cars and pedestrians. More HGVs on route in and out of Masham resulting in more air pollution and danger to public health. Danger from HGVs mounting kerbs (Park Street). Cannot safely have more population in town and the volume of HGVs. Accident waiting to happen. North Yorkshire council has to safeguard residents

Road between Leyburn turn to Ellingstring via High Ellington is too narrow to allow vehicles to drive above 30 mph and 20 mph in villages. Heavy use by farmers- which is essential – means casual drivers are at risk when they choose to rush through lanes. A very nasty accident waiting to happen. Speed limit of 20-30 mph should begin at High Ellington sign right through Haregill bank to the High Ellington sign en route to Ellingstring.

Regular cleaning of road gulley pots

Area from Silver Street to Church Street – at the bend where traffic having been held up tends to race – and this is where people are trying to cross to get to the square or school etc

The warning speed screens (electric) are a good way of getting road users to slow or keep to speed limit.

Junction to the oaks off Westholme Road will not be improved now due to new housing development

Leyburn Road

Traffic calming garage junction

The Avenue and approach to bridge

Speed limit on Silver Street, Park Street, The Avenue

I think narrow country lanes should have a lower speed limit than the current rules

Reduce truck movement through Masham

Fill potholes, renew road markings

Limit parking in the town square (as in Bedale) – 2hours free – no more except for Square residents, permit holders and people working in town centre. Turn the grass area between the park and river into a designated car park with charges. It is only used on bonfire night and by travellers. On bonfire night we could have a firework display elsewhere or light display in the town square. No parking on the roads except for permit holders (residents) or unloading for businesses

Pedestrian crossing in town centre is essential for school children as well as accessing Doctors' surgery, town hall, pharmacy, library etc.

There are old drivers and there are bold drivers but there are no old bold drivers

Is it time for some kind of bypass – the size of some of the lorries coming through the centre of Masham is ridiculous. Black Bull yard needs to be adopted and tarmacked. There is regular use by large commercial vehicles and it is becoming more and more hazardous

Stop farm traffic cutting through the oaks as there is so many cars parked outside houses and farm equipment parked on pavement on corner near park entrance. The traffic goes far too fast – it's a wonder no child has not had an accident. If a fire engine had to get through, I don't know that it could

Leyburn Road horrific for speed. I have lost cats to this road and as have many others as they go over to the old auction Mart for a picnic on mice. This needs major speed calming measures. I did say no to speed bumps above, as not a fan, but I think this would be the only way to slow traffic here.

Thorpe Road turn off to Swinton as mentioned above, problems with parked cars, too near to junctions etc. Car parks on the Rec meant to be for long stay parking, but there is no lighting down there at all so far too dangerous during winter months

Speed limits should be enforced and reduced. Hymas lorries especially travel too fast through Masham including round bends going up pavements i.e., Park Street

Speed limit on the Leyburn Road further out! bikers rat race!

The difficulty with the roads through Masham is that the streets were built up centuries ago and traffic has increased as time goes by, more road users and more houses, that why any increase in houses increases the traffic congestion. If further developments were agreed either along Leyburn Road or Fearby Road the traffic increase would only affect the roads that can cope with the increase preventing increased traffic congestion through the town. Increased resident parking along Park Street has congested this street in the last 2 or 3 years with although some residents have sufficient off-street parking. I like the new traffic signs on the way into Masham e.g., Thorpe Road where the sign illuminates if travelling too fast this should be mirrored along The Avenue near the bridge

Living on Rodney Terrace, driving out of Rodney Terrace and also the back lane is very dangerous. Cars will park on the corners of both roads so your view is non-existent to oncoming traffic and turning into or out of both roads is almost impossible at times. Thorpe Road and Park Road are ultimately single vehicle roads because of the parked cars. The speed at which cars, vans and HGVs travel throughout Masham is going to cause a terrible accident. Also, cars parking on the bend where the junction to Swinton Terrace is, on both all sides of the road blocks drivers views and often they will need to mount the pavement in order to allow oncoming vehicles past, particularly HGVs. The main road through Masham is ultimately single vehicle/one way road due to the parking issues and is an accident waiting to happen

The Masham to Swinton Road is narrow and has several blind corners, and does not have a footpath. Vehicles travel too fast along the road for it to be safe for pedestrians

Keep the flashing 30 mile speed warning on all incoming roads to Masham

Enforcement of double yellow lines, especially on Silver Street by Quaker Terrace. This is not enforced despite being added for safety reasons.

30mph limit on The Avenue should be extended to the east side of Masham bridge

Road section between High Burton and Burton House needs better draining

The interchange in central Masham - Silver Street, Little Market Place, 1st entrance to Market Place, 2nd entrance by Humbugs, Church Street. It's a mass of cars coming & going from all directions

Speed restrictions on Thorpe Road

The junction adjacent to Bank Villa represents a hazard due to poor use by motorists and cyclists, many of whom cut the corner having descended the bank and turned right towards the market. Similarly bike riders and motorists proceeding from the Market Place are inclined to believe the 'give way' sign is a secondary consideration and not the primary one. Existing double yellow and single lines are often ignored and there is little to be seen of traffic wardens. Regular traffic warden visits would therefore be desirable. Otherwise, the movement and speed of traffic around Masham town centre is self-controlled by parked vehicles, ensuring there is often only enough space for a single line of traffic

Given the high volume of HGV use from mills, breweries and quarries ensure that roads in such use are maintained to good standard (potholes) and traffic calming measures such as rumble strips, speed humps avoided. These will create noise issues and may lead to other traffic related issues, e.g., jams, kerb mounting etc.

A crossing near the petrol station

Tractors and vans are the problem, not HGVs. Speed cameras should be ubiquitous

The lorries on Thorpe Road go too fast and it's scary how close they are to the path when walking with children

Yes, parking and speed limits should be enforced. Westholme Road from Theakstons to the end of Red Lane should be one way or a chicane

Better speed controls and traffic controls

The Masham to the Ellingstring turn off on the main road to Hawes

The section of road from Theakstons to Red Lane by the Fire Station will become much busier once the new houses are occupied and needs a footpath

Should be a bus stop on Leyburn/Fearby/Westholme Road where most people live. It's a long walk from the bungalows to the middle of town for older people who don't drive

Speed per se is not dangerous, Poor roads and poor driving standards are the issue. Making driving more frustrating with speed restrictions and speed limits is not the solution, frustrated drivers will just try to make up lost time in other sections of road. In a rural area we cannot just use public transport and making travel slow tedious and frustrating would lead to annoyance and more cars on the road at any given time as every journey would take longer

Silver Street and The Avenue need reduced speed very dangerous when leaving park due to lorries and cars speeding

HGVs are the main problem in Masham, they are simply too big and heavy to negotiate through the town. The siting of l'Anson's animal food mill is the main problem followed by Theakston's Brewery.

The condition of the roads in the surrounding area is also badly affected by the high number of quarry/aggregate vehicles. Motor cycles also cause a big problem in the town and surrounding area

Need more public transport links

More double yellow lines in Swinton Road, Park Street, Church Street, Silver Street and Leyburn Road (opposite garage) would be helpful to improve traffic flow

Heavy lorries using the centre of Masham is ridiculous. These needs addressing as soon as possible

The roads aren't dangerous, the drivers are. Too many bikers, cyclists, motorised wheelchair users who are not careful and considerate. Therefore, better education for those users may help. Drink driving is an issue in Masham and this needs to be controlled and discouraged better

More information about road works and road closures in advance so that you can plan journeys better. Include why and how long they will last and when roads will be open again. And make sure the information is updated if things change

Most dangerous from Roomer Common down into Masham, from Fearby into Masham - strictly enforced speed limits

Double yellow line specifically through central Masham. Loading unloading only

The congestion in the centre of Masham on silver street on a morning when residents are going to work can be significant and the main problem seems to be the size and number of lorries on that road which restricts 2 way traffic.

Speed indicators should be installed in Fearby and Healey to slow down speeding traffic

Traffic on Silver Street / Church Street / Park Road / Thorpe Road is just about the only significant negative about life in Masham. Speeding is not terrible, although a 20mph limit throughout town would be wonderful, but Silver Street in particular is a pinch point for vehicles and pedestrians alike. Parking restrictions from Broadley's Corner to Quaker Lane, and perhaps making the "top" part of the A6108 end of Silver Street one-way, might help traffic flow and give more certainty to cyclists, pedestrians, and buggy/wheelchair/scooter users

The most dangerous section of the Road is Silver Street, as it bears right into Church Street and where Church Street then bears left into Park Street. There is no safe passage across the road into the Market Square

As a frequent pedestrian the main issue is trying to walk along the narrow lanes with no footpaths which go in and out of Masham and surrounding villages. Vehicles travel much too fast. Speed limits should be lowered. There are now speed limits of 20mph in most inner city areas, but no such limits in the small villages around Masham where there are also pedestrians/horses/cyclists and children playing. Also a 50mph speed limit along rural lanes in N Yorks would be appropriate

Highways should do a professional job of repairing and not just useless, short term patching. Highways should also work with all other service providers. Communication is King and different services should not dig up areas which are re-instated and then dug up again

Most people drive quite well in and around the town

30mph zone should begin across Masham Bridge. Traffic enters bridge at 40, crossing from Shooting Holme is dangerous and traffic speeds too high

Highways should repair roads to higher standard, more promptly, and deal 'once and for all' drainage problems which cause deterioration in the roads. Police and PCSO's should proactively warn and prosecute people who park illegally, dangerously and on pavements. Low level infringements are ignored which means pedestrians and children and buggies are forced to walk on roads in traffic

Local County Council / Highways Authority should service the roads effectively from the significant taxes imposed on all road users, (excluding bicycle users). A limited percentage of collected taxes are utilised to maintain what is in a rural area the main form of transport. The question is worded in such a way as to elicit an answer based on a pre-conceived 'danger' on our roads requiring further control of road users. Imposition of control without benefit is unjustified

Double yellow lines on Park Street, Church Street and Silver Street. Regular pothole repairs

Where are the Police?

There is a wider issue of how to restrict speeds on some of our narrow country lanes. Many of which have very little protection for pedestrians

Grewelthorpe road. No compliance double white lines on Leyburn Road

Parking on the pavements is a continual problem for mothers with prams and wheelchair users and this should be stopped

The Grewelthorpe to Masham Road often has vehicles travelling too fast. The Leyburn Road seems to be better since the electronic speed checker was installed. Church Street often gets very congested, particularly on the section where the bread shop is.

People going to the Swinton Hotel accelerate on a single carriage way with people and animals it needs road calming and a pavement - this will get worse with the new house which should never have been allowed as its green belt

Improved maintenance on roads, leading into and out of Masham (e.g., Fearby road), particularly the verges where the road crumbles away and also flooding / drainage issues need to be addressed. Improved pavement / path along the side of Swinton Road leading to the golf course (this is currently a dangerous road to walk along)

Park Street and beyond, wagons going quickly, we also question what time they start. Parking & pavements everywhere is also issue

Top priority would be reintroducing National Rail to Ripon

CCTV!

Pelican crossing at junction of Silver Street/Little Market Place/Market Place also on Park Street. 20mph throughout Masham

The blind corner between Leyburn Road and The Avenue is a real hazard. Vehicles come around that corner at much higher than 30mph and cannot see around the corner for pedestrians making it very difficult to cross. There have been several crashes in the last few years

Leyburn Road reduced speed limit passed the garage/Co-op and housing. Speed camera to enforce existing speed limit. 20mph limit throughout the Masham Area Plan coverage would be appropriate. There is no need to be driving any faster than that in any of this area

Traffic coming down Leyburn Road can be far too fast, especially coming down the hill outside the petrol station. Some speed restriction measures (bumps, flashing warning signs, speed traps) would be very welcome. Parking along Silver Street is congested, could this be made into a one-way route to prevent reversing back onto the main road when meeting oncoming traffic at the narrow section? Better crossing for school children is required? Green man pedestrian crossing possible on corner near "Through the looking glass"?

Ensure roads are maintained regularly regarding potholes, clean verges and drainage

It would help if a traffic warden made a visit. People take no notice of yellow lines because they are not enforced

Swinton Terrace & Swinton Road existing parking means in essence that the road is one way. Would welcome the road being made one way or have parking restrictions that are enforced. No HGVs on residential roads

I find the corner of Silver Street opposite Wensleydale Garage dangerous with vehicles coming up the hill at speed. I don't understand why the speed limit over the Masham Bridge can't be reduced especially when large HGV vehicles are coming over the bridge

Pot holes. Mud on roads

The road between Middleham and Masham

Quite often guests leaving Swinton Park exit come down the hill on the wrong side of the road, maybe a sign advising of two-way traffic would help? Passing places on Ilton bank as this can be very dangerous when meeting other road users

More pot hole repairs

Road between Fearby and Masham - speed limit of 40mph needed with additional signs warning of pedestrians

In our experience the most dangerous stretches of road are those between Masham and Ripon and Masham and Thirsk where it is a frequent occurrence to have cars appear 'from nowhere' and speed up to the rear of your vehicle before over-taking dangerously (even if you are travelling at the speed limit, or close to the speed limit). Better enforcements of speed limits would in theory help but not sure that police resourcing would be able to support this to any great degree? Maybe speed cameras in appropriate places?

Speed warning signs, as fitted opposite I'Anson's on all roads into Masham

Heavy goods and farm vehicles seem to have become very high handed in the absence of effective, visible, local, traffic policing. Road surface maintenance appears piecemeal and without plan

Thorpe Road bollards on the pavement have caused significant issues for the local farming community which causes a knock-on impact for local residents. Cars and lorries drive too fast into and out of Masham on the Grewelthorpe road. Not sure the speed indicator is impacting these speeds

Thorpe Road, Leyburn Road

HGV use on Thorpe Road, Park St, Silver St is dangerous due to the volume and size of the vehicles. Diesel and petrol fumes are a danger to public health. Traffic calming measure (chicanes) will result

in idling vehicles emitting even more noxious chemicals for residents to breathe in. Double yellow lines will enable HGVs to go even faster down the roads. Pedestrians are not safe on the pavements (a HGV knocked over a bollard on Park St recently, this could have been a pedestrian). The increased volume of residents/visitor plus the increase in volume of HGVs is not compatible and is in fact dangerous

Our roads are increasingly becoming areas of recreation. Too many people now use our roads to walk and cycle on and it's dangerous on our winding and often narrow roads. Cyclists and pedestrians need alternatives to using the road. That should be for used for automobiles. The road to Newton Le Willows from Masham is dangerous due to complete lack of road markings, so people tend to drive down the middle of it and cut corners

The speed limit should not be decreased outside of Masham town centre

More routes/services to larger towns e.g. Harrogate, Northallerton etc

I feel that more could be done around the speed of traffic on Leyburn Road specifically at the 30mph/national speed limit change – use of community speed watch, use of local neighbourhood policing team, use of Ny Police Safety Camera

Make more parking available for the residents of Masham especially along Thorpe Road