

Thanks for asking for ideas and suggestions for Sourton's Traffic Plan.

I've recorded mine below and within each point I've attempted to describe both the issue and a possible solution:

1. It would be helpful and safer if a mirror could be installed on a resident wall (with permission) or a post so that traffic entering Sourton from the A30 end can be seen at the Cobweb Hall lane to Forda lane crossing point. I am not sure if this is something for Highways or it is something that could be done by the parish council in the interest of residents.

At the moment people have to listen out for vehicles then cross quickly which is not always possible for the old and for people with dogs and children. As more quiet electric vehicles appear on roads the crossing point will become increasingly perilous

2. Forda has experienced increased traffic in recent years often driving at speed. It is frequently used as a cut through and the '60mph permitted speed limit' is not safe for walkers on Forda lane and for Forda residents exiting their homes.

A change in the speed limit to 30mph on the lane and 20mph or 30mph in Forda would improve safety

3. Dog walkers on Forda lane have been harassed by inconsiderate and impatient drivers. I rarely walk the lane because of the increased traffic often driving at high speed traffic not suitable for the road conditions. People on the lane have been stung by stinging nettles as they attempt to let cars pass them.

It would improve pedestrian safety if additional refuge areas (there are currently 2 informal ones relatively close to each other which are gated entry points to farmland and which are also used by cars) could be made on Forda lane between Milestones and Forda. When the road was being resurfaced a number of years back there was at least one place that could have been used for a refuge but it was filled with soil

4. The exit from Forda on to the old A30 can be hazardous to those leaving the hamlet but also to drivers travelling from or past Bridestowe to the A386. It can be difficult to see traffic from the Forda exit, particularly when vegetation is prolific. The exit is also potentially dangerous as drivers on the old A30 can be travelling extremely fast, sometimes above the speed limit.

It may help if a painted road warning marking could be made and/or a warning sign of traffic turning installed. There is a horse warning sign but that is insufficient and ineffective in slowing traffic

5. There has been an accident involving a car and cyclist at the exit from Forda on to the old A30 (as I understand it the cyclist was travelling in the Bridestowe direction).

A sign to warn cyclists (and possibly traffic) travelling towards Bridestowe might ensure no other accidents occur

I fully support the removal of the white lines which you mention in your article.

Phone Call from resident

Suggestion remove the white line near Sunnyside but add white lines on the side to force traffic into the middle of the road rather than trying to squeeze 2 cars side by side.



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