

Report from PC K Bratley

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I attended Willoughby on Tuesday and conducted an assessment of the village, in particular the sites suggested. I regret to inform you that I couldn't approve either site for safe CSW use. I understand this will be disappointing but the overriding consideration when assessing CSW monitoring sites is safety. This is the safety of the team, motorist and the general public. We have strict measures in place to account for a multitude of scenarios and must meet minimum requirements before approving and setting up sites. I will provide my rationale below:

Lower Street - The changes of speed limit is literally just as you enter the village by the lovely little pond. The distance from the speed terminal to the end of the road, at its T-junction with Main Street, is only 277 metres. This falls outside of the 600m minimum required. To explain the motorist requires 100m minimum clear unobstructed view of the CSW team and a minimum of 200m deceleration from the change of speed limit. The minimum 200m must be met before the 100m minimum clear view begins ergo 300m is required. This distance is required on either side of the CSW therefore 600m is the minimum required.

Main Street - Main street again can't be approved as the street fails to meet the minimum distances required mainly due to the many bends in the road which inhibit the clear unobstructed view. The distance from the A45 to the terminal is around 800m total which would accommodate the required minimum but as stated it is the bends in the road which inhibit the provision of the 100m clear view.

There are no other suitable roads in the village either. The A45 is completely out of the question due to the higher speed limit (50mph) which falls outside of the 30mph & 40mph roads that CSW operate within. The smaller roads are just too small and again provide insufficient distances as required. The other consideration is safe monitoring positions which have hard standing and escape routes should a vehicle go out of control or be deliberately driven at the team.

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