

### Haughley Parish Council Traffic Drop-In – 29 February 2020

The Parish Council held a very successful drop-in on 29 February 2020 to discuss the numerous traffic concerns of the residents within the Haughley Parish Council area. All parts of the community within the Parish were represented and a large number of people attended the forum in order to pass on their views. In addition, there were 85 questionnaires returned, most of which had additional suggestions included and several with extra paperwork attached.

The 2 areas of most concern aired at the Drop-in as well as highlighted in a number of the returned questionnaires, were the number of heavy and large Lorries using the Haughley Village road network and the perception of high speeds in Haughley Green and Haughley New Street. Clearly, these topics were not exhaustive of the residents' concerns and others included: Co-op delivery congestion, speed of vehicles on Station Road when leaving the village, Post Office loading bay and ideas for traffic calming measures which ranged from additional SIDs to village entrance gates to 'Duck Awareness' signs.

As far as the preponderance of Lorries in the village was concerned there was support for the 'Lorry Watch' and this will be progressed, though residents should be aware that the method only has validity in those roads that already have a 7.5 t limit. Haughley Green residents who attended were shown the results of the information downloaded from the SID positioned at the entrance to Haughley Green. Although disappointed with the evidence, they accepted that despite their own perception, there was little excessive speeding in that area between 8am and 8pm. That said, they would still be interested in additional traffic calming methods that might be adopted.

There were other areas and problems highlighted at the Drop-in. The speed on Station Road, the parking on the grass verges on Old Street, little or no support for Yellow Lines, either single or double, and concern on the impact of the upcoming developments.

There is much work to do now collating and analysing the questionnaire returns. There will also be a need to discuss the next steps and a way of informing the outcomes of the survey and the Drop-in. Whilst everyone could agree that Haughley has a traffic problem there was acceptance that there is no one simple solution and traffic in Haughley is a problem that will need to be managed rather than solved. However, one message that all councillors received was that there was an appreciation that there was a desire by the Council to consult and listen to what the residents felt towards this very problematic issue.