

Starkholmes Road Traffic – my thoughts on solutions

In my view the solution will have to be a combination of measures designed to slow traffic and make it less attractive to use the rat-run. This will inevitably mean some inconvenience to residents but it will be worth it in terms of safety and amenity improvements.

Access only signs may help – that minority of people who obey them will take a small percentage of traffic off the road. *Cost – low*

Additional artificial chicanes – possibly with some tree/ shrub planting. *Cost-moderate*

Speed limit reduction – 25 mph is probably reasonable. Only any good if it is observed. As we have heard from the Police that no fixed or temporary enforcement is possible, the best we could hope for is a sign which illuminates when anyone speeds past it. This would be of use at the current or any reduced limit. *Cost – moderate*

DCC representative recommended that residents drive more slowly. This suggestion was treated with some sarcastic laughter at the meeting but I think if all residents drove at 25 mph then rat runners would get the message. We could get bumper stickers made up. *Cost free*

Remove the “Thank you for driving carefully” sign above the school. *Cost-negligible*

Make weight restriction signs more apparent and reduce weight limit. *Cost – low*

Pelicon crossings *Cost- high*

My thoughts for the consideration of others – I’m sure there are other measures available.