PRIORITISATION OF
MUCH WENLOCK TRAFFIC AND PARKING ISSUES

At a meeting held on 2 October 2014 with representatives from the police, Shropshire Council Highways, and the Town Council, the following traffic and parking issues were discussed. The Town Council has discussed these issues and has prioritised the top issues for inclusion in Shropshire Council's Road Safety Priorities.

PEDESTRIANS	AREA OF CONCERN	ISSUES	COMMENTS
	Footpaths	Absence of footpath at Chapel Close to Queen Street	
		Absence of footpath at King Street	There is no room for a footpath in this location
		Vehicles mounting the pavement	Careless and inconsiderate driving Resources are stretched and police are not available to prosecute
			Further enforcement re. the prevention of large vehicles in the High Street causing damage to the footpaths and danger to the pedestrians.
	Crossing	Gaskell Arms corner	This is a blind crossing point for pedestrians
		Farley Road by the school	There is £5,000 available from the Foresters Gardens development but this is not enough money to install a crossing
		Bridgnorth Road – Oakfield Park to Racecourse Lane	There are plans to install a roundabout at this location if RES1 is developed
		Wilmore Street/Barrow Street	Zebra crossing might not be feasible and may not be aesthetically pleasing for those photographing the Guildhall
			The elderly population have difficulties crossing the road.
TRAFFIC ISSUES	Speeding	A458 (Beggarhill Brook) unrestricted	This a safe place to overtake because visibility is good
		A458 Bridgnorth Road – 30 mph	A roundabout in this location will slow the traffic
		A458 Victoria Road – 30 mph	
		B4378 Bourton – extend 30 mph	
		B4378 Bourton Westwood – unrestricted – double white lines	
		B4371 Stretton Road – extend 30 mph	Traffic speed data is available and there is evidence of speeding
		A4169 Farley – 50 mph	Traffic speed data is available and there is evidence of speeding
		B4376 Broseley Road – 30 mph	Extend limit towards Broseley to slow traffic sooner
		Barrow Street	Speeding coming in from Broseley

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	Congestion/ conflict	King Street (one way?)	Consideration of a one way section to stop this road being used as a short cut to miss out the junction at the Gaskell corner. Increasing use by through traffic
		Sheinton Street – New Road to Wilmore Street	Extend the curb line and make a definite turn to slow traffic entering Sheinton Street
		A4169 Sheinton Street – feasibility study (traffic lights?)	Funding is secured for a feasibility study to be carried out
		Wilmore Street – Bull Ring to High Street (precedence?)	Priority markings?
		Barrow Street by the Square	
		St Mary's Road (bus route)	Install yellow lines on the corner of St Mary's Lane to allow greater visibility to pull out into St Mary's Road
		Station Road	
		Farley Road	Traffic calming near William Brookes School
		Back Lane	Double yellow lines where the current 'Keep Clear' markings are totally ignored (See 7 below) Large rocks placed on the grassed area (see 8 below)
		St Owen's Road	
		High Street	Width restriction at top of High Street to prevent oversized vehicles from passing through (see 5 below)
	Parking	On-street disable parking for shoppers	
		Queen Street (buses turning)	Shropshire Council is carrying out a consultation to determine whether yellow lines should be installed to allow room for the buses to turn
		Stretton Road by National Trust car park	
		Car parks	Free parking in all car parks to lighten the amount of cars parked on the streets with disabled parking only in the back lane car park.
		Barrow Street	Pull in points to allow traffic to pass Parking 'Keep Clear' markings to be enforced with double yellow lines to create passing places along both roads.
		Sheinton Street	'Keep Clear' markings to be enforces with double yellow lines to create passing places along both roads.
		Bridge Road	

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		Southfield Road	Parking on verge
		High Street	
		Foresters Gardens	
		Falcons Court	Encourage parking for traders in particular Free parking for traders to keep them off the street
		Queen's Court Barns	Double yellow lines to be painted each side of the entrance to Queen's Court Barns with bollards at each end (see 6 below)
	Pedestrian-isation	Wilmore Street	This will decrease the amount of traffic that passes along both Sheinton Street and Barrow Street as a short cut through the town. Pedestrianisation
	One-way-system	? ? ?	Not in favour of any more one-way streets as this will put extra pressure on St Mary's Road which is already very congested and other roads

Road safety priorities for Much Wenlock Town Council	**The Town Council puts forward ALL streets in the town and the following priorities for inclusion in Shropshire Council's Road Safety Policy.**
1) **Queen Street**	Buses are not able to turn due to parked cars. This bus service is in jeopardy due to this issue.
2) **King Street**	There is increasing use by through traffic. Vehicles use King Street as a short cut to miss out the junction at the Gaskell corner.
3) **Barrow Street**	Speeding motorists coming from Broseley. Cars are parked outside properties along the length of Barrow Street. There needs to be pull in points to allow traffic to pass, and 'Keep Clear' markings to be enforced with double yellow lines to create passing places along the road.
4) **Sheinton Street/Wilmore Street/Queen Street/Back Lane**	HGVs are using this route instead of the HGV route along Merrywell Lane and large vehicles have caused damage to property and pose a hazard to pedestrians when they mount the pavement to pass parked vehicles. Bollard to be replaced outside the Guildhall to help protect this Grade II* building from being hit by large vehicles and damaging the property. Double yellow lines to be painted each side of the entrance to Queen's Court Barns, particularly on the East side of the entrance where the pavement has been widened, but where cars continue to park, making the bend in the road even more difficult and dangerous to negotiate. Perhaps a bollard, either metal or wooden, could be placed at each end of this extended section of pavement to make it impossible to park there, where often cars park partly on the footway. Double yellow lines along Back Lane, where currently the 'Keep Clear' markings are totally ignored.
5) **Wilmore Street/junction with High Street**	A proper width restriction could be placed at the top of the High Street, so that oversized vehicles are not able to pass. At the moment drivers of large vehicles which pass this point then feel committed to continuing down the narrow street. (This should also help reduce the speed at which many vehicles currently approach the town's main shopping area). Consideration that a 'lozenge shaped' solid white line be painted in the centre of the road at the junction of the High Street and Barrow Street. This would help to 'focus the minds' of drivers travelling North, encourage them not to cut the corner at what is a 'blind bend', and hopefully also discourage parking at this junction. Consideration to the widening of the pavement outside the entrance to The Guildhall, which would have the same effect as the above proposal but would cost more. Consideration to be given to road signs, stating width and height restrictions, being placed at the top of the High Street, the Bull Ring and Barrow Street by The Raven to prevent HGVs passing through the town.
6)	Disabled parking provision