

NOTES ON ROADS AND SIGNS IN EYNSHAM

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Below are two examples of places in Eynsham where improvements in road signage could/should be made. These improvements could be part of introducing 20 mph speed limits in the village.

1. OXFORD ROAD

Situation

1.1. Coming from the roundabout and *heading into the village on the Oxford Road* up to the High Street/Queen Street junction, the sign sequence is as follows:

- 1) National Speed Limit Applies at exit from roundabout
- 2) Children crossing + playground + Kill your speed
- 3) 30mph warning

1.2. Coming from the High Street/Queen Street junction, and *heading out of the village on the Oxford Road* down to the roundabout, the sign sequence is as follows:

- 1) National Speed Limit Applies
- 2) 50mph speed limit at junction with roundabout

On the approach to the playground and crossing point, there are no signs.

Comments

- This section of road passes between two of the village's main playing fields, including the recently refurbished playground and the sports pavilion. It seems obvious that the road signage needs improving here, for the sake of safety and amenity.



A.
Pictures above:



B.
A: Coming from the High Street, approaching the playground/playing fields crossing
B. Exiting the roundabout on the Oxford Road, approaching the playground/playing fields crossing

Suggestions / recommendations

- >> Put a 20 sign shortly after the exit from the roundabout and before the playground and pedestrian crossing point.
- >> Heading out of the village, put a sign before the playground and pedestrian crossing point, e.g. before the bend in the road
- >> Remove the NSLA signs (they are surely redundant or inappropriate)

2. CASSINGTON ROAD

2.1. Coming from the Cassington Road roundabout and *heading into the village on the Cassington Road* up to Newland Street and the Newland Street/Hawthorn Road junction, the sign sequence is as follows:

- 1) 30mph speed limit sign at exit from roundabout

No further signs, and no signs at the Newland Street/Hawthorn Road junction to indicate that it is a crossing point for children and adults coming and going from the nearby school

2.2. Coming from the Newland Street/Hawthorn Road junction and heading out of the village on Newland Street down to the roundabout, the sign sequence is as follows:

- 1) 50mph speed limit sign at entry to roundabout

No further signs. (Incidentally there is a National Speed Limit Applies (NSLA) sign at the Old Cassington road exit from the roundabout – although this is a single-lane, no-through road in poor condition.)

Comments

The Newland Street/Hawthorn Road junction is a busy junction for schoolchildren, with vehicles parked along it and a bus stop just before the junction, meaning that vision can be obstructed.



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D.

Pictures above:

C: View across Newland Street/Hawthorn Road junction, looking into Hawthorn Road

D. Coming from the roundabout, approaching the Newland Street/Hawthorn Road junction

Suggestions / recommendations

- >> Put a 20 sign shortly after the exit from the roundabout and before the Newland Street/Hawthorn Road junction;
- >> Put in a sign to indicate that the Newland Street/Hawthorn Road junction is a crossing point on a school route;
- >> Remove the NSLA sign from the entry to the Old Cassington Road.

REFERENCE: 'TWENTY'S PLENTY' AND 20MPH SIGNS

Examples of road signs and logos:

