

Roads and Pavements

The condition of both roads and pavements was only considered to be reasonable or poor by 71% (for roads) to 84% (for pavements). 44% of respondents are able to park off road and 32% in a garage. There are still 25% of households parking on the road. People feel that the lack of off road parking is the biggest cause of the traffic problems in the parish (75%).



There was great support for improving the safety on pavements within the parish (84%), instances where this is an issue is where vehicles are parking partway on the pavements. There is also concern for overgrown hedges reducing pavement width. Additional pedestrian crossings and dropped kerbs all gained over 50% support. Further replies felt there was a need for pedestrian crossings at St Josephs' school, Wesham C of E school and Weeton Road. Issues regarding the poor condition of pavements, including grass verges which need more attention throughout the parish.

People felt that the volume and speed of traffic was a problem in the town and also the number of heavy goods vehicles. There was some support (46%) for traffic calming measures on some roads. Concern was also expressed for the safety, visibility and signage of the mini roundabouts in the town.

“I am a wheelchair user and car parking on the kerbs causes me a lot of problems.”

“Move the crossing further from the roundabout on Station Road - accident waiting to happen.”

“Most pavements are in a very poor state of repair.”

“I think parking on the footpaths is a big problem.”

Actions

- Raise all the issues identified above with Lancashire County Council via Medlar-with-Wesham Town Council. Make use of existing school Travel Plan documents.
- Raise issues of speeding traffic with the local beat manager and make further use of the Speed Indicator Device, recently acquired by the Town Council, also seeking additional sites within the parish.
- Pavement parking problems have been the subject of concern for many years. Attempts have been made to address these problems by the Town Council in conjunction with the Police and Lancashire County Council on many occasions. No official body has ever been able to find a satisfactory solution. However, perhaps this is a good time to revisit the overall problem with the above agencies to try to resolve the situation to everyone's satisfaction.

