

Background

Cllrs will recall recent discussions in Full Council around the safety of the Town Centre regarding the traffic ignoring the pedestrianisation order, and the state of the paving slabs. Staff have also been raising questions about possible signing and highway improvement.

To this end the County Council Highways team were contacted and have come back with the following responses:

1) We have noticed that a number of Brown Signs around town are wrong or old and wondered how I could go about getting them replaced / more created please and is there a cost attached to this?

Brown signs are "Tourist destinations signs" generally funded by the company or organisation directing to the destination. The signs can be reviewed but would require funding.

2) Pedestrianisation – Cllrs were wondering if we would be able to put up additional signage in the town centre that would allow for enforcement of fines for stationary vehicles?

I'm unsure on what type of signs you are suggesting however Highway signs are regulated and there are strict rules with their use. The correct signage is already in place to support enforcement. Once a driver has driven past the Regulated signs there are no other highway signs that could be considered. It is possible the Town Council could look to provide some information signs around the town?

3) Along a similar line, would we be able to have a weight limit sign go up

There is already a 7.5 weight limit surrounding the town (except for access) followed by a "No Vehicles" order within the ped area.

4) We are thinking of applying for funding to create a Coronation Garden which could go in Market Square – linking some of the existing planters. Also to have circular seats around the bottom of the trees in Anson Street by the War memorial – do you have any thoughts on this?

In general such a scheme is likely to be supported, we would need to complete a section 50 licence as per Brook Square once we had further detail.

5) Are we any further on with getting some of the paving replaced in the town centre please?

We have recently repaired a number of areas around the town including new slabs and concrete repairs around iron work. Block paving requires regular maintenance and defects are monitored via monthly inspections and reports from the public.

6) What is the possibility of getting ANPR cameras in town please?

Very unlikely. We currently do not enforce moving traffic offences. I understand we are applying for powers following changes announced by government however we are some way off developing a policy.