

**Okehampton Town Council
Planning Committee 17th October 2022
Meeting Report**

Date:	10 th October 2022
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8. North Road Complaint

Who do I contact to complain about the pretoria vaults noise levels outside the club? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] We are having to stay awake till past 2am and 3am Friday and Saturday respectively. I understand its a nightclub and I understand it will have noise in the inside but out the front it is ridiculous! Profanity and bottles left up and down the street. I have tried to speak to the owner and he spoke his bit then hung up very rudely. I really don't see how we should sit in our front room and her the music quite clearly, have bass coming through the floor. The levels of noise of the people out front smoking is absolutely ridiculous. Surely this is a silly place to have a club right in the middle of street? We pay our rent and our council tax and this is what we deal with out here.... I cannot see how this is allowed to have all these people out the front smoking shouting and just being well over the top about it. Having an owner who is rude and thinks he is doing everything to keep ot quiet when since I've rung it's actually got louder ! I just can't see how this is on. So please tell me who I need to contact ti get this addressed seriously.

10. Speeding in Station Road

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have just sent the following message to West Devon Borough Council, but thought I would share it with you, as it relates to a problem in Okehampton. Please see the message below:

I write to alert you to the high number of vehicles travelling at unacceptably, and often dangerously, high speeds along the top part of Station Road in Okehampton. Located just above St Boniface Catholic Church, we have become all too accustomed to vehicles driving far in excess of 25/30mph along the stretch of the Road between the water fountain and the railway station, disregarding the relative narrowness of the road (particularly with parked cars on one side), and the hazards that their irresponsible driving may cause. Such inconsiderate driving has long been a feature of this stretch of Station Road, but it has become more pronounced since the re-opening of the Dartmoor Line (I imagine that there are a lot of people rushing to catch their train!). Thankfully, nothing terrible has yet happened (as far as we are aware), and there are many drivers who treat the road with due caution. There is, nonetheless, a disconcertingly high number of those who do not, and we are worried that this could eventually lead to a serious accident (if not several thereof). Furthermore, it is simply unpleasant and disrespectful for drivers to be travelling at ridiculous speeds in (what should be) a calm residential area. A maximum speed of 25mph is, surely, plenty in such an environment.

The location of our house means [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is often difficult to do this comfortably, or even safely, however, because vehicles immediately behind us are travelling too fast and not leaving sufficient distance – even though our left indicator is blinking! This often causes us to drive all the way to the top of Station Road to turn around before approaching our driveway on the right-hand side (a slightly more awkward manoeuvre). On the odd occasion that we do try to pull into our drive on the left-hand side, whilst giving appropriate indication, we are frequently subjected to road rage by irresponsible motorists. Frustrating though all this is, it is not as bad as the potential repercussions of the dangerous driving that haunts the Road, such as a collision or the serious injury of a pedestrian or cyclist, especially a child.

Having lived happily in Station Road for over [REDACTED] years, we are pleased that The Dartmoor Line has proven a great success, and look forward to the further developments planned for Okehampton Station; this can only

benefit the town and surrounding area. We have all used the Line on numerous occasions, and one occupant of our house takes the train to Exeter at least once per week. Regrettably, though, the reinstatement of the rail service also appears to have intensified the problems mentioned above. We would be grateful, then, if you could investigate this, and perhaps install an appropriate deterrent to reduce speeding along the upper part of Station Road. Such a move would be for the considerable and lasting good of residents, pedestrians, and other road users.

11. Station Road – Yellow Lines

I have contacted you before about this issue and have also contacted West Devon and Highways. My neighbour at ■ has also done so. We have been asking for a solid line between our two properties throughout the entire 9 years we have all lived here and appear to be no nearer a solution. We are desperate for help. The attached photos are an example of how our access is frequently blocked, and our visibility is poor.

With the opening of the station, the traffic on Station Road has understandably increased. Three lots of double yellow lines have been painted between 42 and the bottom of the road, but there are no yellow lines from 42 upwards at all. Double yellow lines are desperately needed from 42 up to the station. The really obvious place for one lot would be between 56a and 58 and installing these there would both help the Station Road traffic problem and solve the 9-year problem we have had re access and visibility.





12. Station Road

On the proposition of Cllr Jessop, seconded Cllr Abbot it was **RESOLVED** to request a letter was sent from the Clerk to Cllr Samuels to outline the concerns of the Committee including suggesting extending the 20 mile an hour speed limit, applying for mobile speed cameras or a speed survey, to be including in the feasibility study.

The Clerk had had received a response from the meeting held on 13th July. 105 applications were received, and the team considered each request, taking into account average speeds at key locations in the community, speed related collision history in the area and the level of support for a 20mph scheme in the community. They four highest ranked were put forward for new schemes, Okehampton was unsuccessful.

