

**Okehampton Town Council
Planning Committee Meeting 8th January 2024
Meeting Report**

Date:	2 nd January 2023
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Item 6.1

May I ask you to look at the Lidle parking system, which is operated by the council. It requires the shopper to remember to input their registration after they have completed their shopping. The problem is that for the elderly with short-term memory loss, it is impossible. Short-term memory loss means that even if the cashier reminds the elderly shopper to scan their receipt and input their registration. Any conversation/distraction after that simply replaces the reminder.

My Father [REDACTED] was very distressed to receive a parking ticket this month (paid). He has complained to the manager of Lidle, who said that there have been a high number of complaints about the system. A pay up front system with a refund at the cashpoint is non discriminatory for the elderly. The current system, I believe, is discriminating against the elderly population who have a higher proportion of short-term memory loss.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this complaint.

Item 6.2

Dear Okehampton Town Council,

I am writing once again with consideration to road safety on Exeter Road. With increased traffic due to the lopsided development of our town, Exeter Road has become busier than ever. I am severely concerned that this road is the major trunk road into Okehampton to serve these new developments and has seen no improvements to cope with increased traffic. Not to say that the state of the road and pavements is extremely poor too. I have certainly seen less trafficked parts of Okehampton roads and pavements resurfaced in recent years, Exeter Road remains the most used and least touched of any.

Specifically I would like to raise my safety concerns. I see lorries and cars travelling at well over the speed limit coming down the road. After reviewing the road myself I have made the following observations;

The speed camera is only effective on a very small part of the road and traffic speeds up immediately afterwards.

The 40 mph to 30 mph signs on the entrance to Okehampton are barely noticeable and there should be road markings clearly identifying that you are entering a 30mph zone.

From the town sign to the police station, I have counted 3 westbound 30mph signs and 2 east bound 30mph signs. I would like to see a radar speed sign on the westbound that tells drivers of their speed heading down the hill.

There is a cut through to the high school on De Brionne Heights that is used by school children (and my children) coming from the newer side of Okehampton. The crossing points are poorly positioned to assist with safe crossing and parked cars obscure the view of oncoming traffic.

I appreciate the police carried out a token speed survey at the top of the road in their very visible jackets and I do not think this is a reflective of the road speed in my opinion. Please can this be raised at the next Town Council Meeting and discussed. With Thanks.