

# Otterbourne Traffic Survey – Summary of Responses

During the summer the Parish Council undertook a traffic survey to gauge the feeling within the village. After the Annual Assembly it became clear that residents felt there were key traffic issues in the village. The survey allowed us to gather the opinions of a good cross section of the village and to highlight the key areas of concern. The aim is to use this survey to continue the work we do as a Parish Council, to work for the community with our District and County Councillors and to ensure that the residents of Otterbourne feel they are safe and the traffic issues within the village are addressed.

## **1. Postcode**

- An even spread of responses across the village

## **2. When traffic diverts from the M3, how does this impact your life?**

- The top 3 issues were: entry/exit difficulties from side roads 90%, traffic jams 87% and pollution 69%

## **3. What speed do you think is appropriate for your village?**

- 60% felt 30mph is appropriate and 30% felt 20mph

## **4. How do you mostly travel from home as a household?**

- Car at 94% was the main form of transport, walking 12%, bus 5% and bicycle 5%

## **5. When traffic congestion occurs how do you feel?**

- 44.% felt safe in the car
- 65% felt unsafe or very unsafe walking
- 53% felt safe on the bus
- 90% felt unsafe or very unsafe cycling

## **6. What changes do you think could be made in the village to improve how you feel and where?**

- 73 responses wanted a crossing at the Nisa store
- 36 responses mentioned traffic as being a real issue
- 61 responses were concerned about the speeds that vehicles travelled
- 26 responses had concerns about the volume of lorries

## **7. When using the M3 which junction as a household do you use the most?**

- 55% used Junction 12
- 45% used Junction 11

## **8. Does anyone in your household use the M3 to get to and from work?**

- 43% used the M3 for work

## **9. If so, at what times? (use M3 to get to work)**

- 15% at 6pm and 8am
- 11% at 7am
- 9% at 7.45am and 5.30pm

## **10. Are your children driven to school?**

- 71% of children were not driven to school

## **11. If so which school?**

- 50% to Otterbourne Primary School
- 12% to Thornden Secondary School

## **12. On a normal day, which times seem to have the most traffic problems?**

- Morning 76%
- Evening 35%

## **13. Comments**

- 27 responses wanted a crossing at the Nisa store
- 26 responses were worried about lorries
- Chicanes/traffic calming were highlighted as an issue by over 40 responses as being dangerous when HGV's travelled at speed.