

SAPLEY ROAD CHICANE

YOU TOLD US...WE HAVE LISTENED

When I walk my grandchildren we can't cross as I am so frightened a speeding car will drive round the corner and hit us. I don't have a problem with the chicanes on Sapley Road, and I use it daily.

1. Full width bumps to start at the top of the hill at the 90 degree bend, rising one side, turning the corner and letting down the other. This should calm traffic at start/finish and reduce risk of hitting the fence/hedge. 2. Table tops should allow water to drain else the road may become slippery with ice or build-up of leaves etc.. 3. Radar displays a must to remind drivers of their obligation. 4. Council may claim table tops impede emergency services. But table tops at Coneygear / Medway and Owl / Sparrowhawk are very effective. Chicanes on the wrong side of road however we have them now so please make them more visible by large "CHEVRON >> BOARDS". My wife and passenger suffered a serious (3 operations) collision on that road due to someone not stopping to give way.

Sapley does not look like a 30mph road, and in fact my Sat Nav says it's 40mph. I suggest putting up '30mph' signs. Change the speed limit to 40 MPH.

Better signage part of the solution. Small posts hard to see. A full size set of highway code standard keep left/ right signs would help. Speed bumps should be a last resort. Removing the chicane not an option: we need to keep speeds down, not give racers free rein! Speed displays serving the whole road would be my preference. The whole scheme was ill thought out and a complete waste of money. This road is a death trap.

These chicanes on Sapley Road were always a very bad and dangerous idea. Only a physical obstruction will slow down speeders. Electronic signs are pointless - only heeded by those who drive considerably anyway. There has to be a physical inconvenience to force some people to slow down, the chicanes were more visible before the thin white posts were installed, the wider posts just needed to be more reflective. Simply make it more obvious.

Please no speed humps. They play havoc with vehicles even at low speed and cause much pain with people suffering with bad backs as both my wife and I are. Chicanes have little impact on speed as witnessed by several people 2 days ago when a car traveled past Des. Road junction towards the Barlow Mow at a speed that must have been approaching 100mph.

Make the imbeciles responsible pay for the removal.

Move Des. Rd chicane to the other side of the lay-by, but, radar assisted option better. Remaining chicanes to be more visible.

Remove the Des. Rd chicane: I can't imagine how this was allowed to be located there - always an accident waiting to happen. Really poor planning and no forethought by the planning department- quite disgraceful that this was not considered thoroughly.

Do not install speed bumps, people do not slow for these, just stand on Coneygear Rd and watch.

All chicanes replaced with full road-width speed bumps and more of them!

Full speed bumps need to be installed the full length as the chicanes are all dangerous.

If the chicanes remained it would help if the chicane near Des Rd. was on the other side of the road as cars coming out of Des. Rd would have to wait until the way was clear. Also, does not push the cars coming down the road on to the wrong side of the road.

Hello, 1. Remove Des. Rd chicane and one at the top of Sapley Rd. 2. place metal railing painted white on the remaining ones, facing traffic, to slow it down and make them conspicuous. 3. road is too wide, straight and downhill, a cheap option, together with the above, would be to paint two white lines down the middle about 15 inches apart and hatching between them. This would give the impression the road was narrower and slow down traffic. It appears to work elsewhere (Hartford to St. Ives) 4. Humps and bumps are a pain in the arse, remember buses use this road. From my experience in Norfolk, where there are loads, radar stuff doesn't work.

The chicanes have had some success in slowing traffic. I don't think it is sensible to remove one chicane and replace it with another form of traffic calming. If table tops were installed down the road between the chicanes, this would further slow-down traffic and make the chicanes safer. And why not add a flashing speed reminder sign (or even a camera) for good measure.

All the road lacks is adequate signage, should be reminder 30mph signs by the bend at the start of Sapley Rd. junction with Kings Ripton Rd. Then 30mph roundels painted on the road surface every few hundred meters for the whole length, with the additional radar assisted speed display sited near the foot way through to Eagle Way, the fastest section. After the initial cost of the signs the only on-going cost would be the 30mph roundels needing repainting whenever the central lines are requiring maintenance. I feel this would be the simplest, cheapest and effective method of controlling the speed on this road.

Install a Zebra crossing. This will have the dual effect of making drivers slow down and giving pedestrians a better chance.

Install high visibility, permanently illuminated bollards on all the chicanes along Sapley Rd. Move the chicane nearest Des Rd.

Install more signage to indicate the speed limit. Just remove and replace with radar speed displays.

Small bumps all the way up Sapley Rd, move chicane at Des Rd further up Sapley Rd. Eagle Way to Des Rd is straight. At the top end of Sapley motorists speed is such an issue for us residents to pull out safely onto Sapley Road as motorists speed constantly. Some drivers are not very courteous, putting fists in the air/ mouthing obscenities as if we no right to come out of our drive.

Install table tops as well as leaving the chicanes, but remove the chicane by Des. Road.

It is absolutely impossible to get out of the bottom of Owl Way onto the main road. Like many others, I now use Sapley Road and Des. Rd as my main route into town. The bottom of Owl Way needs sorting and would dramatically reduce traffic on Sapley Rd.

Chicanes put vehicles on the wrong side of the road, whether near a junction or not, this I think is dangerous. But if, and there is, a need to reduce speed, they do want to be replaced by something. The Des. Road chicane is particularly dangerous, drivers turning left into Sapley Road don't always look both ways.

Link the radar assisted speed display to traffic lights that switch to red (Stop) when vehicles exceed the speed limits. Make it more visible. Wider posts with an arrow indicating which side drivers should pass. If the chicane is moved to the other side of the road the others along the road will have to be moved across also. Put a couple of 30 mile signs along the road. How could you authorise in planning to have chicane by Des. Junction? You have approved them and will be held responsible.

Make right of way coming from Des. Road and a STOP sign on Sapley Road chicane at the Chicane.

Lighting all a joke.





So pleased about your survey. Whoever planned the chicanes was no doubt sitting at a desk without local knowledge.

Hello, I'm so glad you want to change something on that road. It was main reason why I installed car dash-cam in my car.

The engineer who designed these should be sent back to college to learn basic traffic management.

Move chicane to other side of road.

Move the chicane 30 yards further up.

Move it up the hill so it is centrally placed in between the 2 road junctions. Paint yellow border round chicanes on the kerb stones.

Not all drivers aware that the presence of street lighting imposes a 30mph restriction, put up lots of 30mph signs, in both directions.

Please make a cycle 'run through' lane past the chicane (as at other chicanes in Sapley Road).

Preference a series of 3 or 4 flashing speed sign. Yes they actually work. Or Lower the Speed Limit and or change the road network.

No. No other idea. Narrow the road near the junctions with "pinch points".

Put highly visible flexible posts offering drivers clear visibility of chicanes from distance, you cannot see them clearly. It may be good to paint the kerb stones around the chicane white. This will help to see chicanes in bad weather.

Radar assisted speed display and table tops. Adding speed display has greater long term benefits to achieving behaviour change

Regular speed checks by the police ie at least once a week but at different times and sections of Sapley Road.

Removal of chicane in our view is the best option, and installation of more speed limit signs. Get police to monitor road as they should.

Remove chicane+ speed bumps in Owl Way, enforce speed restrictions using mobile radar, and average speed cameras.

Install speed display signage. Have police target and enforce speeding as that is what we pay our exorbitant council tax for!

Remove them completely. Put a couple of 30 mile signs along the road.

Install the Table Top - ALSO Add the Radar Speed Displays before the chicanes at both ends of Sapley Rd. Additionally I recommend that the remaining chicane kerbs are painted with White Prismatic Paint so that they stand out better.

Install speed camera AND clear metal road signs reminding of speed limit at regular intervals.

Replace all the nearly invisible bollards with yellow "keep left style" rectangular signs. Also, road signs are obscured by vegetation; either cut back the vegetation or, even better, move the signs towards the edge of the road where they would be more visible.

Driving out of Des Rd is difficult enough and not helped by having a hedge hiding the cycle path

Replace all chicanes with full width speed bumps but not table-top type.

Replace with better signage.

Replace chicane altogether, but have local council speeding fines, radar controlled, with no points on licence, but a max fine of £40, with the funds earmarked to specific projects. Speed camera. Bi-directional. Speed camera 30mph

Re-site chicane at end of Des. Rd about 50 metres, add bumps/heavy duty rumble strips in both approaches to up and down

Table tops are best option. They work well on Offord Road but can be a bit too aggressive. Important to get correct height.

Take top half of Falcon Drive speed bumps and put them on Sapley Road? :-) Maybe then I won't have to keep replacing the springs on my car every 5 years (even driving very, very slowly over those speed platforms) :- (But seriously: 1. Sack person in the government department that put that chicane there in the first place, clearly dangerous. They are clearly not competent to do their job. 2. Stand a policeman on Sapley Road with a speed gun and fine everybody breaking the speed limit. Make the people who can't bother to obey the law pay for the work. BTW. I don't think it's just rat-run traffic, a lot of the people speeding seem to be locals to me.

The chicanes that are already installed to be left and fitted with table tops to the part of the road you drive through.

Problem is visibility of chicanes. Each chicane is marked with one or two posts, black at the base and raised above road-level.

If there was reflective paint on the base of the posts, not at the top, and on kerbstones, car headlights would pick the chicanes up.

No doubt - a road calming scheme of some sort is needed along Sapley Road. However, it must be sensible and above all SAFE. The chicane should remain, without addition of speed bumps, but the islands need to be much better marked. They can be difficult to see, and are a hazard. Bollards need to be much bigger and more visible at night in particular. Des. Rd island needs to be moved or removed completely so that vehicles coming out of Des. Rd do not pose a hazard to those coming down Sapley Road.

Visit Kingsway in Wellingborough...similar situation but sorted with table-top bumps, but not full width so able to 'straddle' them in most vehicles but with care so reduces speed but keeps traffic moving.

Well done for some proactive action! Table-tops are the ONLY solution. Must be strategically placed. The top one (near 90 degree bend on Sapley) needs placing so vehicles can't avoid it using the layby to drive round it. The other table-top should be placed approximately half way down the steep hill (probably adjacent to the existing Openreach communication box).

Again, it should not be placed near the layby adjacent to the two recently erected bungalows. This will also stop any 'detour' of the table-top via the layby. This is a long overdue rectification of totally useless, poorly placed, and poorly lit chicanes. (Chicanes) would be ideal solution and works in other villages. Just remove at Des. Rd. Most dangerous spot in my opinion.

My husband and I firmly believe these to be dangerous. We would like to see all the chicanes replaced with table tops.

Dark nights I prefer to go through town rather than Sapley Rd speed track. Small bumps with a speed display if possible. Here's hoping.

Chicane at Des has to be removed. So dangerous. Or remove the lot and put in speed cameras. You will make a fortune.

Speed cameras operating 24/7, closely followed by more on Coneygear Rd and Des. Road.

Radar speed display seems the most logical solution because it would minimise the danger whilst still keeping drivers aware of their speed. It is probably the most expensive option and therefore prove difficult to get actioned.

Radar speed display -waste of money Drivers will ignore them like they ignore the 30 mph limit. Table tops possible, but will they be effective. Leave most chicanes but with better signage. All to have hi viz black and yellow signs. Paint kerb stones

Table tops - yes! (best option). Rest of Sapley to be better lit. Table tops Yes if with rumble strips on both approach and exit. Keep chicane but more visible, i.e. red light floodlighting. Nothing stops idiots driving fast to the next obstacle.

Well done for trying to get this sorted. The chicanes as they are, are a liability.