

## COCKING PARISH COUNCIL

### Comments received following article in Autumn 2018 Newsletter asking for comments on idea of village gateway features.

1. Just to add my thoughts as still being that a natural wood gateway would be acceptable in discussion with Highways to be sure it is positioned as close as is permitted to the road in order to create the maximum 'narrowing' effect by the 30 mph sign. White plastic or white painted would be too urban in this otherwise rural area.

I also would like to see a please drive carefully through OUR village to create a sense of community rather than THE village

And

consideration of thank you at either end exiting the village as is seen in some rural areas.

I have done a lot of reading over the summer about the subconscious reasons people speed as well as the people who speed for the heck of it. There is little evidence that gates alone effect speeding, creating a narrowing effect can help.

Mark is also in agreement with this, but if you need him to email you let me know.

2. I have just had a chance to sit down and read the village newsletter and I am emailing to say that I would love to see a gate erected at the entrance to Cocking. I've always thought when driving through that the villages that have them look lovely and it really epitomises a countryside village feel for me.
3. I would like to give my support to a Village Gateway. I hope it might possibly help with the speeding cars too!
4. I would like to register my support for gateways either side of Cocking. Both approaches to the village are round bends so it is not immediately obvious they are approaching it until they round the corners. Gateways at either end would make it more obvious on the approach to the corners and slow traffic down before they get into the centre.
5. It is good to see that progress is being made to tackle the nuisance and danger of speeding traffic through the village. I certainly support the installation of village gates which I think would create a visible boundary to the village area and increase awareness for drivers that they are entering a residential area. I have also heard of road markings, or lack of them, being used to reduce speed – e.g. no white lines down the middle of the road as these create 'safe' channels for drivers to travel along at speed; side marking, curving onto the carriageway. Rogate seem to have just had a major road surface makeover, perhaps that would be a good example to consider.

I don't know what the position regarding speed cameras is now. It seems to me they are a good simple deterrent and will catch drivers travelling above the legal limit through our village.

It is my understanding that the fact our road is an A road and route for emergency vehicles affects what speed reduction measures can be used, but surely there are speed bumps which do not impede ambulances and fire engines as they have a wide axle widths. Speed bumps would certainly calm traffic through the village.

6. I support the village gates initiative.
7. We support the gates initiative in Cocking.
8. I support the gate initiative.
9. This e-mail is to register my support for the gates initiative at the entrance to the village.
10. I would like to comment about the Village Gateway as discussed in the latest Village Newsletter.

I have no strong views on the use of a village gateway on the entrance to Cocking, just a doubt about its effectiveness in reducing speed through the village - an ambition which I fully support.

The attached paper from Somerset County Council accurately reflects my views.

On page 2, 'Accidents', it clearly states that there is no robust research on physical gateways **alone**, only research where they are used in conjunction with traffic calming within the village.

My personal experience driving through villages in Hampshire, Surrey and West Sussex is that the best traffic calming is achieved using the technique shown in the main photo on page 1.

I appreciate there might be objections from the bus and haulage companies, but they are used elsewhere in similar situations – buses and lorries can cope.

11. I support the suggestion to have white gates at entry to village.  
I also think road markings showing effect of narrowing would be beneficial to slowing traffic as used in other villages.
12. Further to the article in the recent Village Newsletter, I am of the opinion that gates, as illustrated, would enhance the entrance to the village, so long as they can be kept clean. They would also act as a further deterrent to speeding though the village.