



# Update for Frogmore

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## *Speeding, Safety, Parking*

### *A Complicated Road Layout and a Difficult Traffic Situation*

Frogmore Street and the start of Dundale Road is a very complicated area. In the space of not much more than 100 yards there is:

- a road junction to Parsonage Close and another to Friars Walk
- entrances to a yard behind shops, to the Marks & Spencer loading bay, to a long stay car park, to a school, to a yard beside the *Black Horse*
- an entrance and an exit to a large, well used car park,
- a drive way to a sheltered housing scheme
- and drives to 5 private houses

Then just after the houses the road narrows and rises to climb Dundale Hill.

But despite all this there is still a speeding problem. Although traffic is mostly below the 30 mph limit, the mean bi-directional speed of 26 mph (as measured last year) is much too high for this narrow, but busy, road.

There are high numbers of pedestrians (including school children) crossing Frogmore Street over its whole length - but because of the numerous junctions and entrances and exits to yards, car parks and nearby properties, there is no place where it is suitable to put in a zebra or other type of formal road crossing. It is recognised, however, as a high priority site where a school crossing patrol needs to be maintained in term time.

## *Speed Reduction*

A number of traffic speed measurements have been carried out in connection with the introduction of a 20 mph limit over the western part of Tring and covering Frogmore Street. The county highways officers are confident that a 20 mph limit would be effective and would reduce most vehicle speeds in Frogmore Street below 20 mph. This is felt to be a particularly important safety benefit to the many adults and children who use Frogmore Street, especially at times when the crossing patrol is not on duty.

It is hoped that the formal, second-stage consultation for the basic 20 mph limit area, that concluded on 10th March 2017, has produced sufficient support for the basic area scheme to be implemented. The area includes Frogmore Street. This should get those speeds down.

## *Parking opposite the Black Horse*

For some time now, there are up to four cars which park all day outside the houses opposite the *Black Horse*. This can be an inconvenience for the residents, making it difficult for them to get their own vehicles off the road and onto their drives.

It would be good to discourage this all-day parking with a one-hour ban in the mornings in the same way that parking is already controlled in Friars Walk.

This will have the effect of speeding up traffic on that part of the road and for that reason I have followed advice not to do anything before the 20 mph limit is in force.

Once the Traffic Regulation Order is in place for the 20 mph limit then we can take some action.

Safety Schemes, such as the 20 mph speed limit, are primarily the responsibility of Hertfordshire County Council. However, Traffic Management Schemes, such as the original Friars Walk Scheme, are normally put in place by Dacorum Borough Council.

So, once the 20 mph limit scheme is ready I will be writing to Dacorum Borough Council to ask them to support the efforts of the County Council to improve safety and traffic flow in the town. I shall ask them to extend the one-hour parking ban in Friars Walk up the west side of Frogmore Street from the end of the existing double yellow lines to a point just past the last house.

Any tendency for traffic to speed up when there are no parked cars there will then be cancelled out by the effect of the 20 mph limit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Hollinghurst". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

County Councillor Nick Hollinghurst