

Safe routes to school in the vicinity of Clyst Vale Community College (CVCC)

A site meeting was held with officers on 27th January 2022.

Baptist Chapel area of Station Road

Parking restrictions in the form of Double Yellow Lines, to go opposite the former Baptist Church will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the East Devon HATOC. The subsequent publicity and consultation process creates a timetable of about a year if it all goes smoothly.

Everyone present at the meeting was agreed that a pavement for pedestrians and cyclists, alongside the Baptist Chapel, and on the same side of the road, from the path through the orchard, as far as the pavement of Old Coach Road, would be an improvement. This would narrow the road such that a "Priority" system would have to be installed. However, this would not slow or disrupt traffic compared to the present because cars are usually parked opposite the Baptist Church, and there is a de facto single lane of traffic. Priority would probably be granted to traffic travelling from the B3181 towards CVCC, because the guidelines are to avoid backing up traffic towards a more important road.

I believe that this proposal fills in a gap in the measures which were brought forward about 10 years ago (when the path through the orchard and the B3181 crossing were created). I think the Traffic Committee at that time wanted to do something like this but were unable to fulfil their hopes. I think it should be welcomed by the parish as part of our wider aspiration to create more pavements and safer pedestrian routes in the parish. It is a key part of the network around CVCC. However unfortunately funding is likely to be very challenging and I hope the parish will support me in encouraging officers at DCC to pursue funding.

CVCC to Cranbrook via Sandy Lane and Elbury Lane

There have been a couple of site visits by officers recently to look at the best approach to CVCC from the direction of Sandy Lane for cyclists and pedestrians. This is likely to include a safe crossing place, at Sandy Lane or nearby. Although this proposal is in the early stages, I hope that it will eventually be a key part of a safe route from Cranbrook to CVCC. There are pupils of Cranbrook Educational Campus who live at Broadclyst, and vice versa, and the need to travel between the two will persist. This route also forms the first part of a safe route from Broadclyst to Broadclyst Station, which is an important aspiration of the parish within the NP. At present, options for this short section between Sandy Lane and CVCC are being explored.