



# Datchet Parish Council

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## Public Consultation on Highways

### Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday 19 January 2026

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Datchet Village Hall

This event will be hosted by Datchet Parish Councillors, **Cllr Alison Whelan (Lead Highways)** and **Cllr Ben Picot (Deputy Lead for Highways)**

The meeting will be managed by the Chairman of Datchet Parish Council, Cllr David Buckley.

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#### 1. Welcome

A warm welcome and a quick overview of what the session will cover.

#### 2. Who's Here Tonight

Short introductions from councillors

#### 3. Why We're Here & How the Session Works

A simple explanation of the purpose of the consultation and how residents can take part.

We will also explain that Datchet Parish Council does not have legal powers over highways. Highways decisions are made by RBWM. Our role is to listen to residents and pass your feedback directly to RBWM.

#### 4. Neighbourhood Plan – Quick Update

A brief note that the Neighbourhood Plan has been considered as part of this consultation.

#### 5. Key Highways Issues Raised So Far

A summary of the main concerns residents have already shared.

**Public questions/comments:** up to 15 minutes

## **6. Parking**

Discussion about parking challenges in the village and possible ideas.

**Public questions/comments:** up to 10 minutes

## **7. Traffic**

Looking at traffic flow, congestion, and areas where improvements may be needed.

**Public questions/comments:** up to 10 minutes

## **8. Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN)**

A simple explanation of what LTNs are and how they might relate to Datchet.

**Public questions/comments:** up to 10 minutes

## **9. What Matters Most to Residents**

A chance to discuss priorities and what residents feel should come first.

## **10. What Happens Next**

How the Parish Council will gather all feedback, prepare a report, and share it with RBWM.

## **11. Summary and Close**

A quick recap of actions, next steps, and how residents can stay involved.

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# Highways Public Consultation

Highways Lead - Alison Whelan

Deputy – Ben Picot

19<sup>th</sup> January 2026





# Introductions

- People present
- Who we represent





# Purpose & ground rules

- Why this meeting is happening
  - What the parish *can* and *cannot* do
  - Historic road layout + level crossings
  - High car dependency (commuting + school run)
  - Congestion acknowledged as a long-standing issue
  - Explicit recognition that traffic is **outside parish control**
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# Whats In the Neighbourhood Plan

- Traffic is one of the most raised issues, *but the plan can only influence and support action via RBWM.*

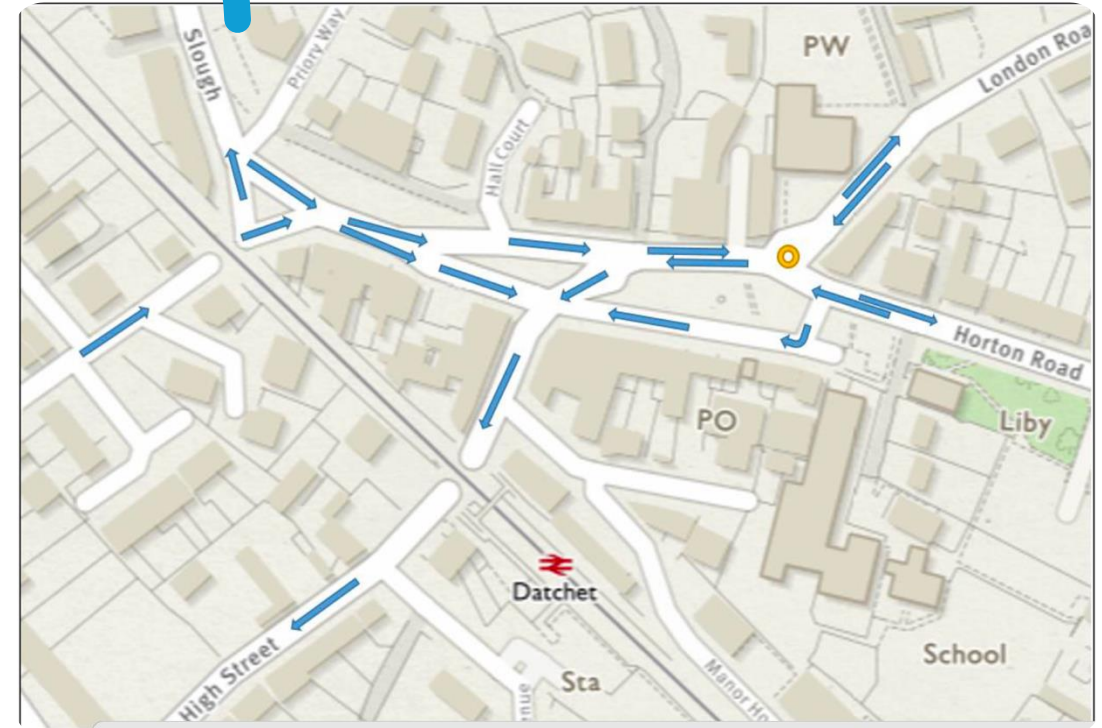
# Issues

- Traffic levels
- Speeding
- Risks to life, antisocial driving
- Parking causing accessibility issues (wheelchairs, pushchairs)
- Traffic pinch points



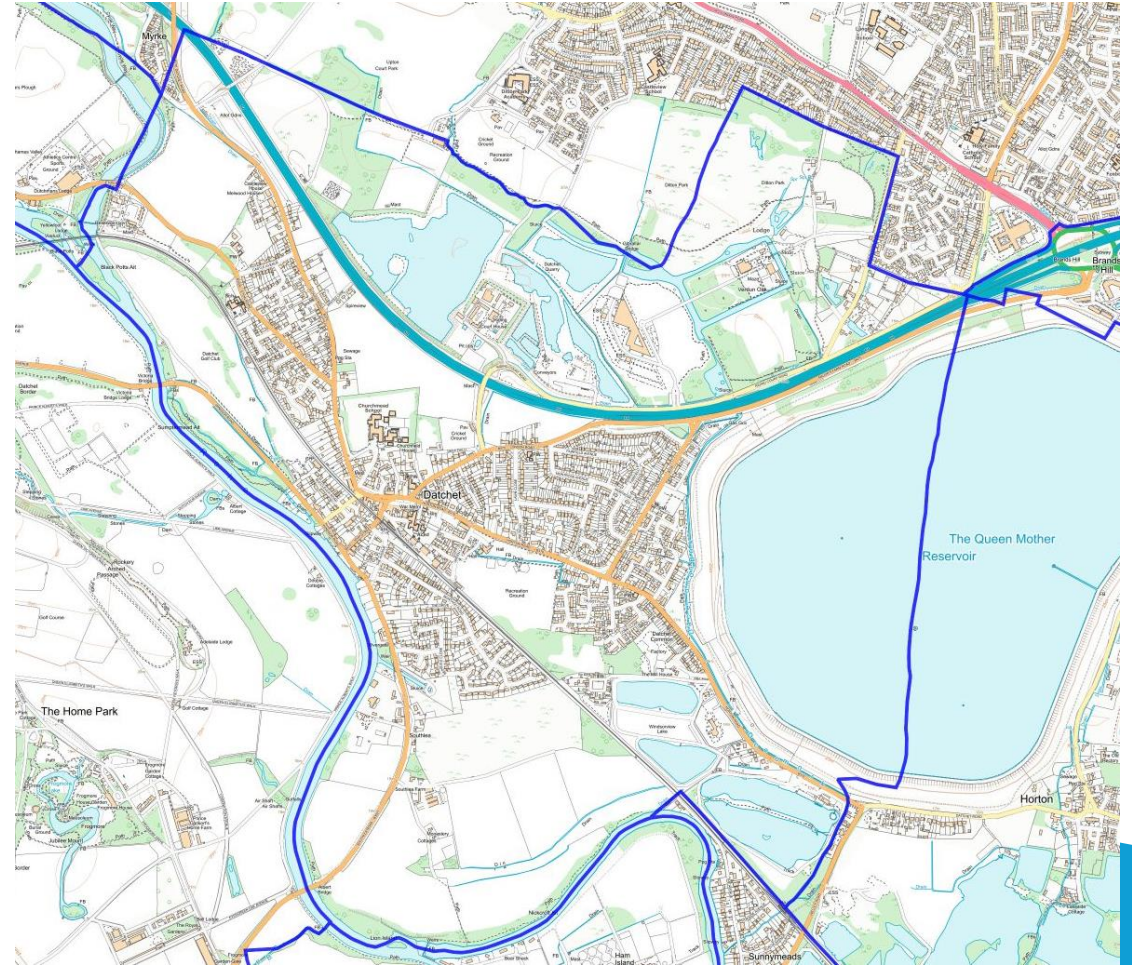
# Ideas raised – Parking

- One Way System
- Yellow lines / extended restrictions
- Better or more consistent enforcement
- Bollards / planters in specific locations
- Resident parking schemes
- Clearer signage and markings



# Ideas Raised - Traffic

- Speed management
- Pedestrian priority
- School-related measures
- Walking and cycling improvements
- Low Traffic Neighborhood





# Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN)

- **What is an LTN?**

A Low Traffic Neighborhood reduces through-traffic on residential streets while keeping access for residents, emergency services, deliveries, cyclists and pedestrians.

- **Why is it being discussed in Datchet?**





Concerns about rat-running, speeding, parking issues, road safety, air quality and the impact of non-local traffic passing through the village.

- **How could it work? (Illustrative only)**

Through-traffic discouraged from residential roads, with main roads remaining open. Access retained for local journeys. Could be trialled and adjusted based on evidence.


- **Key point**

The Parish Council cannot implement an LTN — this discussion is about whether residents want the Council to explore the option further with RBWM.






# Public Prioritisation – To be Agreed

- What to try?
  - Which locations?
  - Physical measures vs controls?
  - Enforcement vs redesign?
  - Appetite for trials?
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# Parish Council Next Steps

- Speed enforcement
  - Traffic survey
  - Public survey & Feedback
  - Set expectations on timescales
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# Actions from this Meeting

- DPC to Summaries priorities
  - Publish next steps for engagement
  - Take a defined list of suggestions to RBWM
  - Set expectations on timescales based on wider feedback
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