

By

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In readiness for this evening meeting, I have had some thoughts about implementing town traffic calming measures. Bearing in mind I have no knowledge whatsoever in town planning, nor highway by-laws or regulations.

Outline –

Introducing traffic calming by implementing a oneway road system.

The Guisborough By-Pass will do it's job by continuing to allow none town traffic to move freely on.

A hypothetical route scenario,

In an anticlockwise direction, starting at the traffic lights / Shell Petrol Sta. Stokesley Rd-Avenue-Hutton Lane-Rectory Lane-Bow Street-Redcar Road-Bolckow Street-Park Lane. **Note discussed and not chosen as too large a loop**

Perhaps with the introduction of one-way systems in and out of housing estates.

Benefits,

Increased pedestrian / driver safety.

The oneway system alone will introduce traffic calming/speed reduction especially during peak periods.

Indroduction of Pedestrian Crossings/islands to enable safe pedestrian crossing points.

Enable better traffic flow into and out of business areas, housing estates.

Drivers becoming more pedestrian and locally environment aware.

Walking around town becomes more pedestrian friendly.

Enables footpaths, walkways to be widened.

Increased crossing points with better kerbside access.

Disadvantages,

Slower moving traffic, understandably causing some annoyance amongst residents and drivers, especially during peak periods.

Risk of too many traffic lights (should they be implemented) over a too shorter distance.

I am sure there are people with similar if not better ways of implementing these changes, but we all have to start somewhere.