

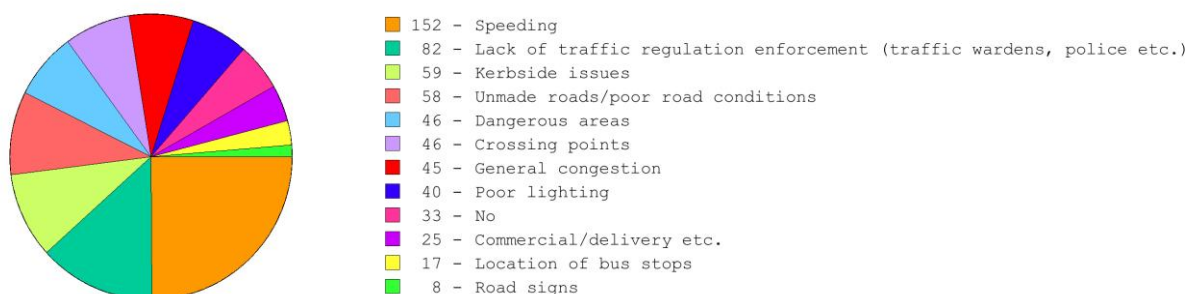
Traffic

THE GREAT WAKERING
PARISH PLAN 2015

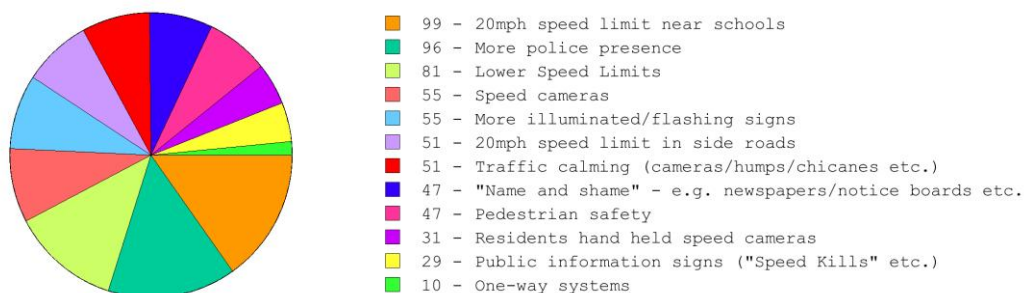
This section reviews the use, abuse and opportunities found on local roads, pavements and byways. 246 valid submissions were received. **Overview:** 62% feel that there are problems caused by drivers speeding. 33% feel that there is a lack of enforcement while 40% believe that lower speed limits coupled with increased police presence would improve matters.

30% agreed that we lack cycle paths and bridleways while 50% would use both if they were available. The top four parking problem areas are side roads, school, shops and the medical centre. 37% would like to discourage night parking of commercial vehicles while 57% believe the condition of roads is acceptable. However, the majority comment that pavements are inadequate and restricted.

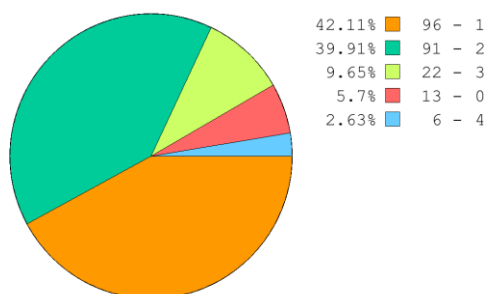
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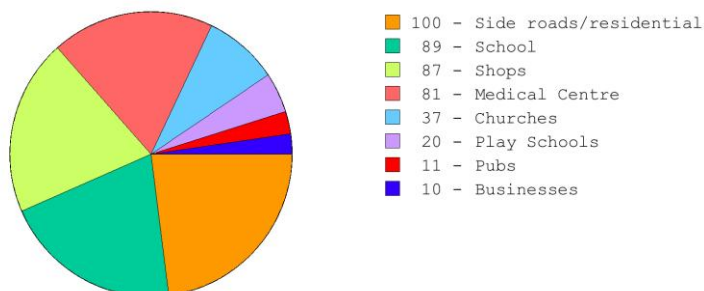
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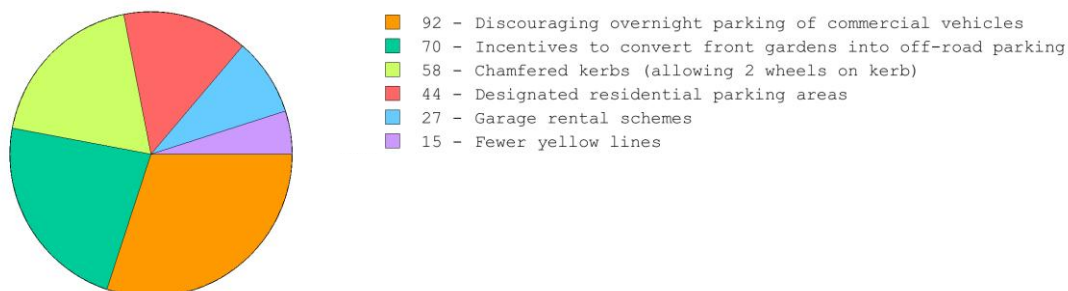
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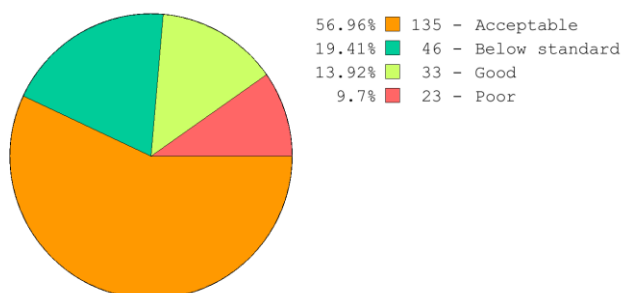
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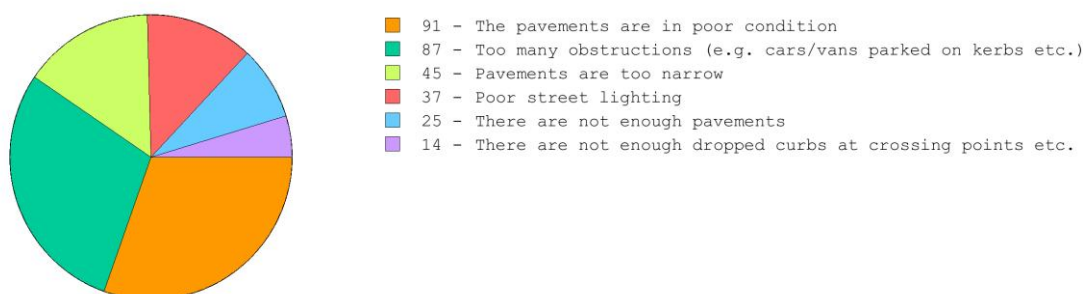
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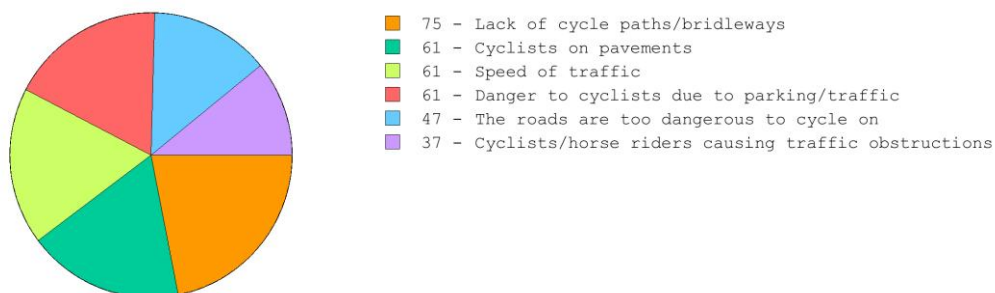
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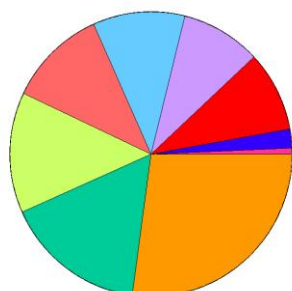
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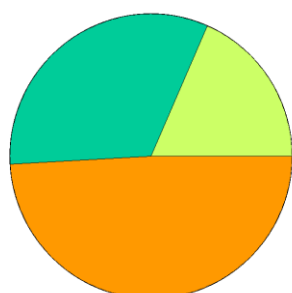


For roads and paths, please tick any you would like to see in Great Wakering.



- 77 - Cycle paths
- 46 - More street lights
- 39 - More zebra crossings
- 32 - More off-road footpaths
- 30 - Zebra crossings replaced by pelican crossings
- 26 - Bridleways
- 26 - More pavements
- 6 - Roundabouts replaced by traffic lights
- 2 - More roundabouts

If cycle/bridle paths were provided in Great Wakering, would you use them?



- 49.1% 109 - Yes
- 32.43% 72 - No, but support the idea
- 18.47% 41 - No



Community Views and Comments

Q: Are there traffic problems in Great Wakering?

Conway Avenue and Crouchmans is very dangerous when School is turning out. Inconsiderate Parking would most certainly impede emergency vehicles. Third World Road surface in North Street. **Zebra outside the doctors is terribly lit and it's only a matter of time.** I live at the top end of the High Street near the Church and there are double yellow lines outside my house but these are routinely ignored all day by delivery vans and members of the public. **Joyriders speeding is a problem.** I think the High Street needs calming down, some young drivers drive at such speed that it is very dangerous. **North Street, pot hole city is a disgrace.** Dangerous areas outside the Co-op and shops, two cars try to get through one lane by shops, buses go wrong side of bollards without slowing down, twice now I have turned left out of my driveway and a bus is the wrong side going at speed and had to slam on my brakes. **Need more control on double yellow line parking especially during the time children go to and come out of school. There will be serious accident on corner of Lee Lotts one day. PARKING AT BACK ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL CAUSES PROBLEMS.** What is the point when there's no one to police them? Pavement cycling is a particular menace in the village. No reasonable person would object to small children using the pavement, but adults cycling at speed represent a real danger to pedestrians, and householders whose front door opens directly onto the street. The lack of enforcement is to be regretted. **The junction**

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of Wakering Road into Poynters Lane. The greenery is overgrown making it hard to see down Poynters Lane when turning out of Wakering Rd. Potholes at the entrance to Seaview Drive have been there for years. **PARKING ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES NEAR THE CO-OP IN HIGH STREET** We live at 25 High Street in Great Wakering, next to Anchor pub and opposite Co-op and a Chinese takeaway. We constantly have people parking over our drive on the double yellow lines and also blocking the path, not to mention causing unnecessary traffic congestion **The area between the Co-op and church corner is an accident waiting to happen.** Cars often pass the wrong side of the bollards, **Turning right out of Conway Avenue onto Shoebury Road is dangerous due to poor visibility (a large van is often parked immediately to the left, speed hump just before Conway would help, Exiting Mercer Ave to the High Street - sometimes blind right vision due to parking area.** Little Wakering Corner/mini roundabout, **Speed of traffic makes crossing Little Wakering Road dangerous, especially for the elderly and parents with young children.** Speeding in High Street; **crossing needed somewhere near the Post Office for elderly people to cross back to Bell House without risking life and limb;** people parking too close to the top end of Mercer Ave near the cafe on the double yellow lines- makes it difficult to turn in off the High Street **The crossing outside the doctors is dangerous** in the dark in rush hour as when crossing from the doctor's side and there is backed up traffic, vehicles coming the opposite way do not see you and I have been nearly hit several times. **Traffic wardens/PCSOs walk straight past cars parked on double yellow lines,** Poor/non-existent lighting and gaps in footpath from Wakering Road along Poynters Lane to Cupids Corner. **The whole length of the High St is a dangerous area simply because of the lack of any evidence that speeding is monitored/reduced/penalized** Wish North Street could have proper road surface all the way. This would save cars using Northfields Crescent which leads into Mercer and is already very congested - an accident waiting to happen! **Cars parking on the footpath along the High Street. Parents parking is awful around the school** Living on the High Street has become so noisy with the traffic, particularly at school times, that we now want to move to a more rural location within the village. **Speeding motorbikes are a particular nuisance and the bus stop directly opposite our house is a nuisance and therefore the traffic is very noisy.**

Q: What measures would improve the traffic situation?

More vehicle activated signs, speed limiter measures, name and shame illegal parkers when collecting from school. **Any measure to stop Conway being used as a "rat run" to avoid going via High Street.** Just police the roads properly. **No lower speed limits.** Most people are fine, just target the odd numpty. Most people will break the limit without harming anyone. **People that want lower limits need to be careful what they wish for. They'll get nicked speeding past someone else's house.** Traffic speeds along New Road are frequently too

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high. There are no crossings making it unsafe for the elderly and young children, Flashing signs showing car speed along High Street. Biggest issue is parking on double yellows near Church forcing cars to overtake on wrong side on a blind corner. Perhaps rumble strips and bolder road markings would discourage motorists from accelerating around the corner from Southend Road into Little Waking Road. **Completion by ECC of the footpath on Poynters Lane from Cupids Corner to Waking Road would add to safety of pedestrians.** Better lighting. Big problem with motorbikes using east of village as race/testing track late at nights. Very noisy revving up. From Star Lane, through Angel, Thorpe bay corner, Rose and back to village. Area from Star Lane to Little Waking corner speed limits ignored. **A 20 mph zone along the whole of the High Street** Remove the National Speed Limit section of Star Lane and keep it at 40 mph from Poynters Lane to where the 30 mph limit now starts. **A traffic light crossing at the school for after school clubs when the lolly pop lady is not there.** **Cars in New Rd going far too fast In excess of 50 mph.** Big vehicles carrying big loads of straw leaving a lot of it on roads, curbs, pavements more than farmyard, Parents walking their children to school!!!

Q: Are there any areas where there is a parking problem in Great Waking?

Mercer Avenue - Too much parking at junctions which restrict access, **Why does anyone in the village need to drive their kids to or from school?** Cars now park on road outside medical centre as staff vehicles seem to occupy nearly half of the spaces. **School and side roads**, Seaview Drive and Lee Lotts, **Twyford**, Whitehall Road and Common Road, **Too many vehicles around, sadly.** Parking on the High Street from people using the doctor’s surgery. **The post office delivery lorries seem to think they own the road on the High St. Their timing is always on school time 8.30 am to 9oclock and it blocks the road.** All the way down the High Street. **All the roads seem to have parking problems through sheer weight of numbers--lots of people seem to be bringing work vehicles home - lorries, vans etc. in addition to their private cars** We don’t have a car because there is absolutely no parking for us. **Too many vans and commercial vehicles parked in side roads - often left overnight, so no parking for the people who actually live there.** Problems with a particular resident who keeps using side-street for skips. **St Johns Road and Close often cannot be accessed by delivery vans and refuse vehicles. An ambulance coming to my husband had to park in St Johns Road and the attendants had to wheel him down St Johns Close while he was having Heart attack!**
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creating a slalom effect which is very dangerous. Lee Lotts runs off the High St. by the school. **At pick-up time for the children the road looks like a car park, we sometimes cannot get into our own driveway (or out).** I realise we knew we were buying a property near a school and perhaps would find some difficulties but until you experience the dangers of such parking with no restrictions from yellow lines, police etc., Lee Lotts at times is a dangerous place. People often have to park partly on the pavement in order to maintain access on the side roads. Reduce the pavement width and increase the road width is the answer. **My church is Great Waking Evangelical and we have a lot of trouble with parking because people who don't go to the church always park across the drive so people who do actually go are unable to park and have to find a place elsewhere, which means elderly people have to walk a further distance.** Too many cars, too few spaces, but people have to park somewhere, **Due to on-road parking Alexandra Road is very difficult to negotiate** Some parents park irresponsible during school runs. **Very little parking available outside shops and especially the Co-op.** Most parking that is available is taken up by owners/staff of shops. **With regards to the medical centre at times when car park is full (and likely to get even worse with possible massive additional housing proposed Alexandra Road is a nightmare. The High Street parking - with regards to moving traffic - can be rather chaotic.**

Q: What measures would improve the parking situation?

More frequent patrols and fines. Feel certain once word got round people would not be so inconsiderate.

Simple, encourage a village scheme, only use your vehicles if you're leaving the village. Walk to the shops and meet your fellow villagers. "Walk and talk" **Double yellow lines on the side of New Road where the houses have off street parking, to prevent parking both sides.** Enforce the rules of parking which already exist. **Encourage parents to walk children to school** Change double yellow to alternate monthly parking on High Street, **Discouragement will be meaningless without some form of enforcement.** The parking bays opposite the school on the High Street are always full of parents sitting in their cars for ages waiting for their children and my mother (next door), who has no off-street parking struggles to get a space during school times, so residential parking would prevent this problem! **I know commercial vehicles can be a problem but it's unfair on those that need them to get to work as a lot of people have their own businesses! We have a van but it is always parked on our driveway but some are not so lucky and the van is an essential part of work.**

Q: What do you think of the condition and maintenance of the roads in Great Waking?

Mercer Avenue potholes are many, deep and dangerous, **The rainwater does not flow away after rain.** There is a big hole

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at the junction of Wakering Road into Poynters Lane that you get stuck in while waiting to pull out. **High Street south side of the road footpath from opp the Health Centre to junction with Little Wakering Rd needs repairing**, St. John's Road, Common Road and Stairs Road are all a disgrace.

Q: What do you think of the pavements in Great Wakering?

North Street public footpath at High Street end is not fit for purpose, Ok. Apart from dog mess and horrible chav kids that need to show a bit more respect. **The street lighting in Little Wakering Road is abysmal**. We only have a few lights which has meant most residents installing security lights. ***This makes us vulnerable from car thieves etc. due to poor lighting*** ***We desperately need a pavement going from Wakering along Morley's road to The Rose Inn, I have seen too many people walking along dangerously near to the traffic, pushing buggies, kids cycling, bikes without lights etc. Access should be provided for pedestrians***, In some places in the High Street you cannot fit a double buggy, particularly around the corner near the Church, ***There are a number of places where asphalt pavement surface has been crumbling away for years without anything being done to repair it***. Weeds allowed to grow up through pavements. Pavements are overgrown with plants, making it impossible to push a buggy along. They need to be cut more frequently, Crouchmans Ave to the Church - badly damaged pavements and damaged or missing drain and water point coverings. **On the whole, the pavements are quite reasonable, except where blocked by groups of surly children, or used as racetracks by teenage cyclists**. There should be a path from Wakering to Shoeburyness, (near Cupids Club) half a path was built that's now overgrown, **The pavements down New Road are a disgrace and dangerously narrow in places, *The path along by the vicarage has a strong camber to it and is impossible to push a wheelchair along. Overhanging bushes and trees***, The pavement leading from the High St to Conway Avenue, beside the Anchor, is in a very poor condition. This makes it very dangerous to push a pushchair through there - it would be very easy to have an accident, I would really like to see a pavement at the Cupids Corner end of Poynters Lane. It would make walking to Shoebury a bit safer than having to walk in the road. ***The pavements down New Road are a disgrace and dangerously narrow in places***. National Company van parked on pavement of Shoebury Rd. Eating their lunch!! Lethal for pedestrians and pram users - necessitating walking in road around vehicle. Had he known of a designated parking area in Great Wakering perhaps he would have used it! Making the problem less. **Possible to put on a Wakering website where such vehicles can park safely - is there one??** Little Wakering Corner would be safer with lights.

Q: Is there a problem with cycling or horse riding in Wakering?

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Roads are too dangerous to ride horses on but there is no off road riding around. Drivers have no respect and drive too closely to the horses. Some youths cycle on pavement and feel they have a right of way against pedestrians. Traffic does not slow down for horses. ***Speeding cars through the village make it dangerous for cyclists.*** I cycle to work, most days people try to kill me. But that doesn't excuse people riding on the pavement. ***Horse riders are at best a menace. Most don't have control over their animal or show much courtesy.*** Horse riders and cyclists slowing down the traffic. They should only be allowed in designated areas where there is no traffic. ***The roads are quite dangerous to cycle on as the roads are quite narrow due to parking and cars do not wait until safe to overtake.*** The "cycle path" in Coronation Close is so narrow as to be unusable, ***There don't appear to be any bridleways in our area, although riders attempt to use footpaths.*** No problems. Children are generally polite when cycling on paths. ***It's nice to see horses about, again part of the rural location.*** All cyclists and owners/riders of horses should pay road tax and have personal/public liability insurances.

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Crossing near Post Office would be beneficial due to struggle less able people have in crossing the road, due to speed of traffic, and sudden appearance of traffic from side roads. A roundabout where Shopland meets Sutton Road is an ABSOLUTE MUST. It is ridiculous that the residents of a village of 7,000 people have to do a right turn onto a busy road to reach Rochford. ***More 'Bridal paths' would be a nice trend - but I fear they would be little used as fewer people appear to be getting married nowadays! A roundabout at the Star Lane / Poynters Lane junction is essential, especially when the WGW developments start, as a lot of traffic from the east of the village will use that route to avoid the inevitable disruption that the WGW developments will bring to the centre and west of the village.*** The removal of all side roads mini roundabouts at junctions with main roads/High Street. There is no way any driver coming out of a minor road onto a main road should have right of way over person on main road. Also take a good look at driving standards at mini roundabouts. High Street/Star Lane.