

FRESHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Dark Lane and Church Hill Consultation

Reason for the consultation

Residents of Dark Lane and Church Hill have suffered from incidents in with delivery drivers and large vehicles damaging properties and boundary walls. Some residents have experienced multiple incidents in one calendar year.

The Parish Council has consulted the BANES Highways Engineer. We believe that two options are viable to address this long-standing problem. This survey is to ensure that the Council has the support of residents on the best way forward. Any solution would have to be implemented by BANES Council, including a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The next step would be a formal consultation run by BANES.

The Options

A See the map on page 3.

- This would involve bollards across Dark Lane, at the junction with New Road.
- There would be removable bollards just below the junction with Stonewalls/Rectory Orchard. Immediate residents would be given a key to the removable bollards to enable necessary repairs to stone walls and boundaries.
- There would be a “No Through” road sign at the entrance to Dark Lane from New Road.
- There would also be a raised pavement across the entrance to Dark Lane at the junction with New Road.
- Pedestrian and cyclist access would be maintained. Access would also be allowed for those with pushchairs.

B See the map on page 4.

- This would convert the Dark Lane & Church Hill area to a “Low Traffic Neighbourhood” (LTN).
- A planter (or possibly bollards) would be placed as shown in the map at the Dark Lane/Church Hill junction, where the road is extremely narrow between properties.
- “No Through” road sign would be in three places:
 - At the entrance to Dark Lane from New Road adjacent to Crowe Lane;
 - At the entrance to Dark Lane from New Road, opposite Freshford School & Freshford Lane.
 - At the entrance to Church Hill at the junction with The Hill/High Street, next to St Peter’s Church.
- Residents would still be able to access their properties by car.
- The major benefit of this proposal is that in time Google Maps will no longer show this as a through route, so drivers blindly following their SatNav will not be taken through these streets.
- Pedestrian and cyclist access would be maintained. Access would also be allowed for those with pushchairs.

Next, what do you think?

Option A ☐

Option B ☐

Do nothing ☐

Comments and suggestions

Name

Address

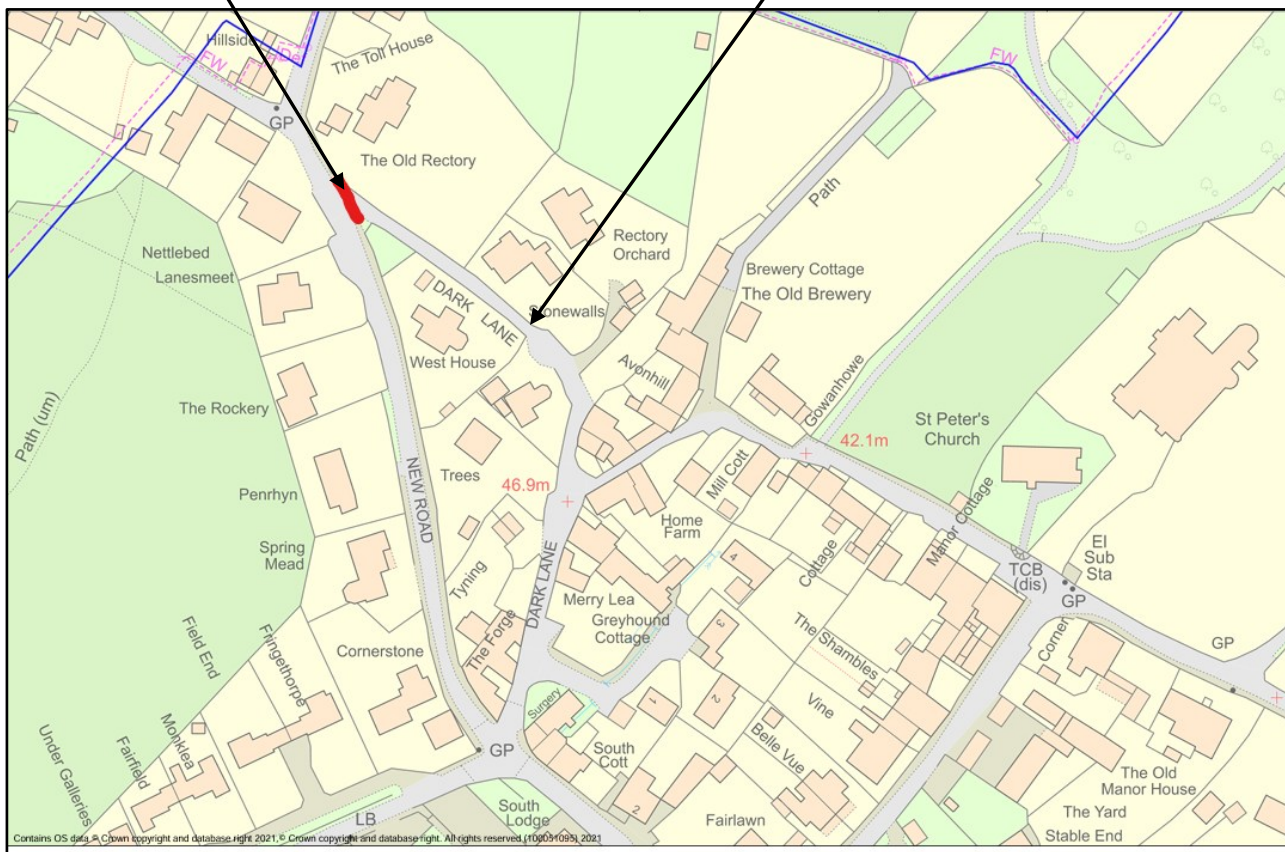
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Option A

Road Closure

New paving across the entrance to Dark Lane + set of fixed bollards + No Entry sign. Still usable by pedestrians' cyclists & wheelchairs

A removable bollard at this location. PC will have a key. Available for residents when work is required to their walls or property.

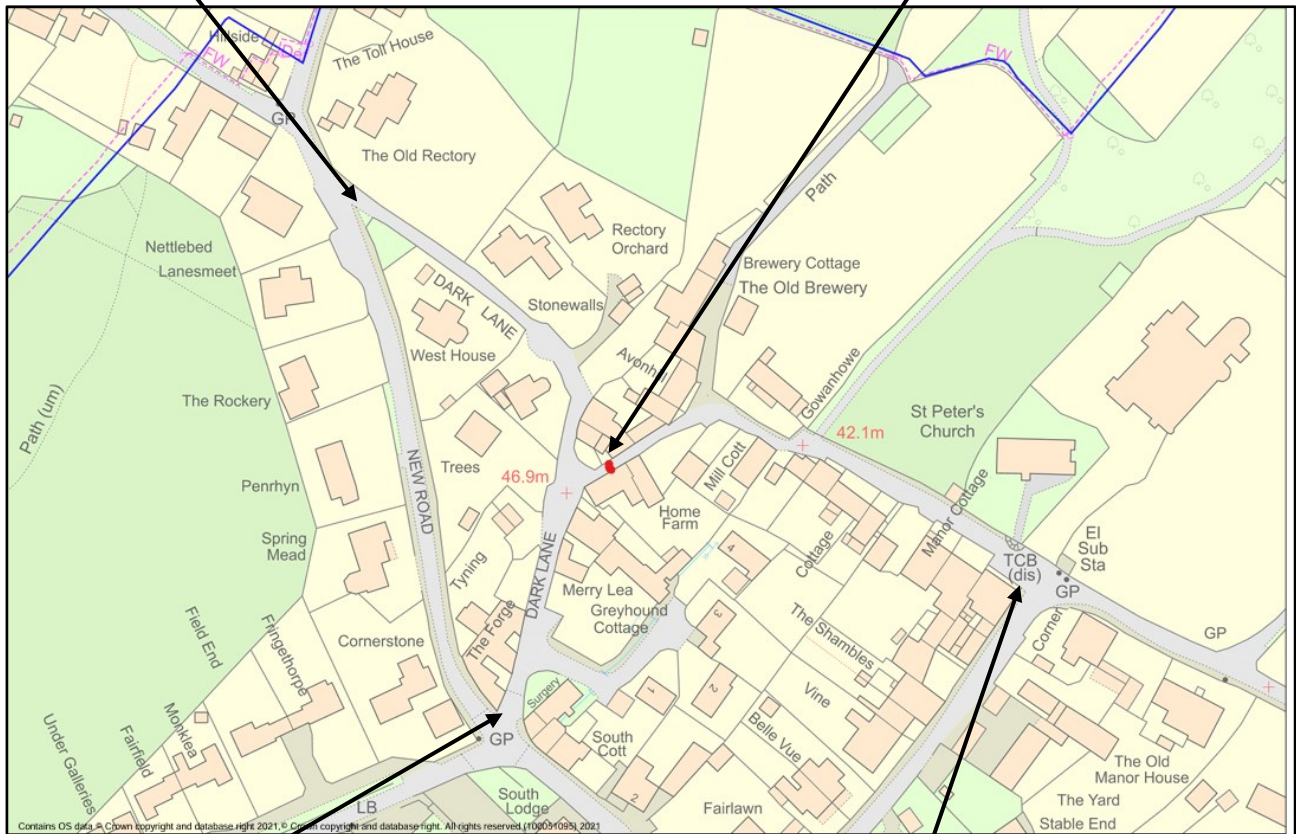


Option B

Low Traffic Neighbourhood

NO
THROUGH
Road sign.

Permanent planters or bollards,
preventing ANY traffic. Access
permitted for cyclists, pedestrians
wheelchairs and push chairs.



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