

INFORMAL SURVEY OF THE STATE OF THE ROAD HUMPS IN CLIFF RD WALDRINGFIELD

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Background

There are ten humps in Cliff Rd and one in Sandy Lane near its junction with Cliff Rd. They were installed in about 2003 along the route of the new 20mph speed limit and were modified after a few months following complaints about their severity. Cliff Rd is a busy dead-end thoroughfare leading to the riverside Maybush pub and the 700-member sailing club. There is considerable heavy commercial traffic, including oil delivery tankers and contractors' vehicles. There is much pedestrian traffic but no pavement except for a short stretch between the Primary School and Mill Rd.

There has recently been growing concern about the deterioration of several of the humps, the wearing away of the white line markings, which indicate their approaches and the hump edges, and the near-invisibility of most of the white mid-lane arrows painted on the hump slopes to warn drivers and pedestrians, especially in poor light.

The Survey

The humps were surveyed starting from the river end of Cliff Rd and our report hump-by-hump is below. In summary we found the following:

1. The line markings approaching each hump are wearing but in overall fair condition.
2. The arrows on the hump slopes are largely worn away.
3. Eight of the eleven humps are showing signs of wear, as underlined in the report below. The hump in front of the school, which Highways are committed to remove, is in a dangerous condition.

Conclusion

Given their overall condition there is a good case for repairing and resurfacing all the humps and repainting all the white markings to put Cliff Road into a proper state for the next 20 years.

Recognising that funding may be limited we recommend that at least the following is undertaken:

1. The work on the hump in front of the school is completed as a matter of urgency.
2. The other damaged humps (as underlined below) are repaired before further degradation and potholing occurs.
3. The arrows on all the hump slopes and the edge lines on the humps are repainted, which would greatly improve their visibility to all road users.

Survey Report

HUMP 1 (outside Bell Cottage)

What3Words: records.nudge.richest

Hump surface breaking up in places

Approach lines OK

Markings worn away on the hump



HUMP 2 (outside Westmead)

What3Words: magma.topples.landlords

Hump condition fair

Markings on hump faded



HUMP3 (outside Timbers)

What3Words: curable.handset.blogging

Hump severely degraded

Arrows on hump largely invisible



HUMP4 (30 metres into Sandy Lane outside No 1)

What3 Words: breath.workforce.daydreams

One side of hump crumbling away

Arrow markings worn away



HUMP 5 (outside Wayside)

What3Words: spellings.hindering.painted

Hump in good condition

Markings on hump very faded



HUMP 6 (outside Killick)

What3Words: pocketed.friends.happen

Hump broken up in three places

Marking faded in hump area



HUMP 7 (outside Deben Orchard)

What3Words: presuming.replied.jazzy

Hump in good condition

Markings on hump worn away



HUMP 8 (outside Ravenscroft)

What 3 Words: shuffles.flasks.songbirds

Hump degraded in several places

Markings on hump largely invisible



HUMP 9 (opposite Village Way postbox)

What3 Words: windy.winemaker.hulk

Hump degrading and pothole starting

Hump markings faded



HUMP 10 (outside Glenwood)

What3Words: snippets.chosen.lotteries

Hump generally fair but degrading and broken away on one side with developing pothole

Markings faded



HUMP 11 (immediately outside the primary school's pedestrian entrance)

Hump severely deteriorated with several potholes: a hazard to vehicles and especially to cyclists and pedestrians

Suffolk Highways have informed the Parish Council that this hump will be removed as part of the project to extend the pavement across the fronts of the Eureka and primary school pedestrian entrances. The PC has not yet been informed when this work is to be carried out.

