

Date: 3 Sept 2026 12:08
Subject: RE: Re: Road markings
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Cc:

Hi Antonia.

My apologies for not responding to this sooner – I've no idea why my outlook flagged this one email up as potential spam over all the others we've exchanged.

Firstly, our LHB Team have confirmed that the money that Mary Evans previously committed for the Birds End speed limit reduction scheme (now abandoned) is available for "Highway" use within Hargrave – so there is £3500 available.

Timescales for the works we discussed are all to be raised as CAT 6/calendar week orders (this is weather depending for road markings).

Cost estimates:

I've listed these in a slightly different running order – to make the cost breakdown easier.

Junction markings:

- *Refresh of the junction markings for Chevington Road (subject to road surface laying plans).*
- *Refresh of the junction markings for Ousden Road (subject to road surface laying plans).*

Both of these should be picked up by the reactive service under our Highways Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP) – no charge to the PC for these.

Replacement signs:

- *Permission to replace a damaged 30mph repeater sign using an external contractor.*
- *New staggered crossroad sign (or should we just order that ourselves and include the invoice in the final funds claim total?)*

For these, I suggest the PC consider signing up to Suffolk Highways Community self-help scheme – as this will allow the PC to replace the damaged 30mph sign and the staggered crossroad signs either using parish volunteers or (if excavation is required) an external, highway approved contractor. You will need to apply to the Community self-help scheme for permission to carry out this work – providing permission is given, the cost can be covered from the funds Mary Evans committed to the village. Without prior permission you would have to cover the costs yourselves as a Parish Council. Carrying out this work either using volunteers or a private contractor will be far cheaper than engaging Suffolk Highways to carry out the work on your behalf.

The link below leads to the relevant section on our website.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/community-self-help-scheme>

New Road markings:

- *Refresh of 30mph roundel and dragons teeth on entrance to the village from Wickhambrook Road.*
- *From Wickhambrook end, 'Slow' painted on road just before the junction to Chevington.*
- *New 30mph roundel to be painted on Bury Road at the start of the 30mph limit.*
- *From Bury Road/Barrow end, 'Slow' painted on the road as you approach the village centre (close to the village hall).*

2 x 30mph roundels @ 123.23 each - £246.46.

2 x "SLOW" markings @ £24.18 per letter, 8 letters - £198.44.

1 x set of Dragons Teeth - £225.

Setup/remove 2 way traffic lights - £226.60.

Maintain 2 way traffic lights @ £11.98/hr, 8hrs - £95.84.

Drying of road surface where needed @ £0.61/m2 (have allowed 150m2) - £91.50.

£1083.84

+ 10% contingency fund - £108.30

+ CLE cost - £245.

£1437.14

Local Management Overheads @ 18% of subtotal - £258.68.

£1695.82

VAT @ 20% of subtotal - £339.16.

Total cost estimate:

£2034.98.

I am still waiting on a response from our Asset Team regarding any potential surfacing works in the village within the next 2 years – as it does not make sense for the PC to fund road markings that would be refreshed during these planned works.

There is no particular time constraint on this – so you have time to discuss these costings as a PC before committing to anything – and hopefully this will give time for our Asset Team to respond.

Happy to meet with you to have a chat about these in person if that would be of benefit?

Kind regards.

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