

Draft overview initial consultation responses

Who has been consulted and how

Residents of Knox Lane, Davey's Lane, Wyken Road and Glassfield Road, Bardwell

- Directly either via email or via a consultation letter delivered to their property.

Other users

- The consultation letter and links to appropriate information is available on the Quiet lanes page on the Bardwell Parish Council website.
- Information has been made available with links to the parish council website via social media: Nextdoor (Bardwell specific); Bardwell pc facebook page; BVN facebook page.
- Stanton Parish Council has publicised the project separately across Stanton and Bardwell on Nextdoor (as well as other methods of communication for Stanton residents)
- The Consultation letter is on the Bardwell parish council notice board at the Tithe Barn
- Bardwell Village News - May issue : Details included together with information about the Public Meeting being held by Stanton Parish Council at the Stanton Community Village Hall on 27th May.
- There has been discussion about Quiet Lanes at previous parish council meetings. Councillors comments during the April meeting are detailed within an attachment to the April minutes (page 8), available on the parish council website.
- The consultation letter has been included within the reports pack for the Bardwell Annual Village meeting available from the parish council website or on request from the Clerk.

Knox Lane: 15 properties

Davey's Lane to The Green: 3 properties included 6 Bells and Cleveland House

Wyken Road : 4 properties (Included Whitton and Frost which is addressed to Rosewood)

Glassfield Road (Bardwell): 2 properties (The Birches and Pig farm)

1. From: Names withheld Knox Lane (2 residents)

We fully support the joint proposal by Stanton and Bardwell Parish Councils.

Knox Lane and Daveys Lane form part of one of the very few circular routes around the village. It is used frequently throughout the day by walkers, runners, cyclists, horse riders and dog owners. With a number of new properties along the route, there has been a noticeable increase in use over recent years.

Knox Lane and Glassfield Road are also used by the same groups and by people preferring to walk to Stanton, as opposed to driving.

With the advent of SatNav, Glassfield Road and Knox Lane have become a rat-run for vehicles wanting to bypass the congestion that builds up on the A143. This has dramatically increased the risk of injury to all groups using these routes.

Without pavements, the aforementioned groups are obviously at risk of collision with motor vehicles.

We think Quiet Lanes signage will improve safety and the enjoyment for non-vehicular users.

2. From: Names withheld Knox lane

I live on Knox Lane and **would welcome this designation whole heartedly.**

3. From: Name withheld, Knox Lane

I am **totally in support of designating the proposed roads** as quiet lanes .

I live on Knox Lane so obviously I understand the need as there are vehicles that do travel at too fast a speed . I am situated on the road where there is a slight bend so there is cause for concern.

Lots of people in the village walk themselves or with their dogs and the lane is used by the equestrian centre as well so Knox Lane is well used by locals and so anything which makes it safer is a good thing .

4, From: Names withheld (2) Knox Lane

We believe this is an excellent initiative, which **we support whole heartedly.** Through successive National Lockdowns, we have come to realise what an important resource our rural lanes are around Bardwell, for everyone's health and wellbeing. Glassfield Road/ Knox Lane has provided an essential route for everyone from equestrians to dog walkers and cyclists and is to be celebrated as such. It's narrow character is part of its appeal, as the diverse groups using it feel safe and protected, with motorist respecting the speed limits by and large.

5. **From: Names withheld, Knox Lane**

We have absolutely **no objections** to this plan, **however are very doubtful what difference it will make**, as lorry drivers in particular take no notice of warning signs already there, speed limits are ignored but full marks to councils trying to improve Safety issues etc.

6. **From: We Name withheld and family, Knox Lane**

As a resident of one of the proposed quiet lanes I am a regular user of the road. On a daily basis I see pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and people on mobility scooters using the road. Being a regular to the road I am aware of these users and adjust my driving accordingly however people who aren't so familiar with the road would not know of the need to show the same courtesy. There obviously is no footpath on the road so often pedestrians are in the middle of the road, anybody not driving with caution may not be aware of this and certainly while out walking my dogs I have come across this exact situation and it can be frightening. Anything that would assist in the awareness of the limited space on these lanes would be great. Just recently the main road was closed and the lane used as an alternative route, whilst this is not ideal, I do understand the need, however it is just more evidence of people using the lane who are not frequent users and would not be aware of the limitations.

I would very much like for you to take this email as **my support for these roads to be designated as quiet lanes.**

7. **From: Name withheld, Knox Lane**

Initial email Thurs, 6 May 2021 (to Stanton PC cc'd to Bardwell)

I received an email via "next door" online info newsletter regarding the Quiet Lanes proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to express our views as part of the consultation process.

As a resident of Knox Lane, Bardwell, I would like to submit the following comment please.

Knox Lane should very much be considered priority to be awarded quiet lane status. It is a very narrow single track lane. There are no pathways lower down the road and safety is very much a concern. Elderly residents (2 with impaired vision and 3 wheelchair users) and children (one child is a wheelchair user) live along Knox lane. There are no passing places and this is very much "an accident waiting to happen (several near misses in my own experience) when the road is used as a rat run or overly large unsuitable vehicles. Most of the properties along Knox Lane are of heritage interest.

At the top of the lane is a headland used by walkers and horse riders. Cyclists use the road and many joggers. It is a very much treasured village amenity. The lane is part of a

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conservation area and open countryside. Many species of birds have made this lane their home...Red Kite, Barn owls, skylark...to name only a few. Bats are also part of the lane.

Please can we strongly put forward our case for quiet lane status as a resident of Knox Lane. A sign at either end of the lane signalling to cars would surely be a very positive way forward for all for the reasons above and preserve and value an increasingly rare quiet space.

same resident 2nd email - sent directly to Bardwell additional comments since recent accident on A143

Dear Bardwell Parish Council

I've already sent a submission / comment regarding Knox Lane and the "Quiet Lane" proposal to Stanton Parish Council a couple of weeks ago.

As a resident of Knox Lane, please can I forward my comments for the above as follows,

Knox lane is an ancient, historical, single track quiet road. There are low hanging trees and many species and habitats that thrive along this narrow, quiet corridor. These spaces should be preserved and treasured for future generations. **Could this be part of a neighbourhood plan ?**

Knox lane is used by walkers to enjoy the vistas and open countryside. The Farmer kindly leaves headland at the top of Knox lane for walkers, horse riders and cyclists. We have several equine facilities in the village and Knox lane is a valuable resource.

There is no pavement or passing place for traffic.

The road is already signed as unsuitable for HGV.

tragically, there has been a fatal accident on the A143 in the last couple of days. Knox lane was used as a diversion for 48 hours. Because of the nature of the road, this caused absolute gridlock and became very dangerous.

There are several young families, elderly and disabled residents along Knox Lane, therefore, **it is vital from a safe space issue (especially as no pavement) that Knox lane is awarded " quiet lane" status.**

8. From: Residents (2) Knox Lane

Date: 24 May 2021 at 22:15:33 BST

To: bardwell parish council <bardwellpc@gmail.com>

As Knox Lane residents, we welcome this plan, **although I have my doubts that it would stop the use of Glasswell Rd and Knox Lane becoming a rat run** whenever there is a problem on the A143.

9. From: Name withheld Davey's Lane

Date: 12 May 2021 at 14:35:42 BST

To: "bardwellpc@gmail.com" <bardwellpc@gmail.com>

We will hopefully be moving into Bardwell later this year. As our main reason for moving is for a quieter more rural lifestyle **we would support the plans for Daveys Lane**, to be designated as a 'quiet lane'. We aim to be walking, cycling and horse riding around the area, especially when visiting family in Ixworth.

10. From: Name withheld, Ixworth Road

I **support** this proposal as I think they are a great idea.

11. From: Name withheld, Quaker Lane

I think quiet lanes for Daveys and Knox is an excellent idea. Please add me to any numbers **"for"**.

12. From: name withheld, Low Street

I would **very much like to see the proposed quiet lanes designation**. As a resident and dog walker I use these lanes every day. Most drivers are very considerate and courteous but the occasional one needs a reminder. **I don't know how much difference it might make to driver behaviour but if it helps a little it would make life even better**

13. From: Name withheld, Low Street

I **fully support the idea of quiet lanes in and around Bardwell**, the roads are narrow and not suitable for heavy or fast flowing traffic. We often walk our dog (and children) through the lanes and quite often there is no footpath or pavement so the only option is to walk in the road. It would give us a great reassurance to know these lanes had been earmarked as quiet lanes.

14.. From: Names withheld (2), Low Street

We **fully support the quiet lanes proposal** for Bardwell and Stanton and think it will help preserve the integrity of the villages for future generations

15. From: Name withheld, Low Street

Please include my name in **support of extending Stanton's quiet lanes onto Davey's and Knox Lanes**. Also, please note that I support [REDACTED] suggestion (see entry 16) of adding the end of Low Street where residents' parking is on-street.

The 30mph roundel has unfortunately made no difference to traffic speeds along here, particularly during the early mornings and during the evening 'commuter' time.

16 From: [REDACTED] Name withheld Low Street/Ixworth Road

I would like to respond and hope this will suffice.

The quiet lane initiative is a very good idea and recent events following a really bad accident really brought the point home. I really believe the quiet lane status certainly is needed in Knox Lane as it is very narrow, can only accommodate 1 vehicle and has no footpath.

I would add that the end of Low Street in which I live should have the same status. The 30 mile an hour painted on the road has made no noticeable difference and outside Pelham House and Chapel Cottage modern vehicles are so wide 2 are unable to pass. The Chapel driveway is becoming a passing place and both banks are being worn away. I do wonder at what point human remains from graves in the Chapel graveyard may start to appear as graves are located at the front of the building. Quiet lane status may help pedestrians, cyclist's and horseriders be safer. I would still go as far as to say Knox Lane and this end of Low Street should be one way. Yet again follow an accident on the 143 traffic arrived in Low Street in both directions. Yet again large vehicle drivers could only sit and look at each other stuck in Low Street. Not only in the morning but again at 5pm. With no mobile phone signal here drivers cannot even let anyone know they are stuck. Quiet lane status also gives any future planning requests a greater understanding of the villages ability to cope with traffic. In the long term we need people to cycle and walk to Ixworth. This not only helps to fight climate change but helps to improve physical and mental health.

17. From: Name Withheld, Lammas Close

I think the idea of having designated quiet lanes is a good one. Of the proposed roads, **I would agree that Knox lane- Glassfield Road would seem to fit the criteria.**

I'm not so sure about Wyken Road-Davey Lane. I often use Davey lane for exercise but the only reason this is possible is because of the farmer's generosity in allowing people to walk along the edge of his field. If someone attempted to walk along the road, they would risk losing their toes if a car came along. As the road is narrow with banks, there are only the passing places to get out of the way of traffic.

Part of Wyken road includes access for Whitton and Frost, so a large amount of lorries use this road. It doesn't really say 'quiet road' to me.

One road which I would like to see designated as a quiet road is Ixworth Thorpe Road, from Bardwell to the 1088. This road is relatively quiet with less traffic and has pleasant views out towards Sapiston. (If only there was a footpath - but that's a separate matter!) It's frequently used by people for exercising and I would hope this peaceful route could be preserved. Perhaps this could be considered as a quiet road in a separate proposal.

Additional comments received 26 May 2021

18. Names withheld (2) Knox Lane

The idea in principal is excellent and both [REDACTED] and I support it. The lanes are particularly narrow with little or no passing places and can be hazardous to all who transit through them. If being designated as Quiet Lanes the volume and speed of traffic would decrease to make them safer places, we are full square behind it.

I do now have a few questions/observations since finding out more about Quiet Lanes.

- What difference will it make to the current traffic using Knox Lane (our address) especially in light of the recent diversion from the A143 after a fatal accident?
- There are bright blue signs at each end of Knox Lane 'Not Suitable for HGV' and yet we see HGV transiting through routinely..
- I note from travelling along designated Quiet Lanes around Lopham Fen that my Sat Nav gave no indication of them being Quiet Lanes. There are signs on each lane though. Are there any intentions to lobby for change?
- If these Quiet Lanes are listed and found on the Internet, one would assume that more pedestrians/ramblers/dog walkers/cyclists will visit. But if traffic still has access in the same way i.e. no speed restrictions or warnings other the the Quiet Lanes signage, surely the risk from motor traffic remains the same, if not more so.

19. Name withheld - Low Street (resident at same address as entry 10)

Following the discussion at this evening's Annual Parish Meeting, I confirm that I am in favour of designating Knox Lane, Davey's Laner, Wyken Road, and Glassfield Road as 'Quiet Lanes'.