

CRAILING

Petitions committee update October 2023

As a follow up to our site visit on 21 September I can confirm that we've been in touch with the community and agreed a number of actions:

- Removal of overgrown foliage and trees to the Kelso (east) side of junction. This work has been completed and feedback positive from the community.
- The community have agreed to discuss the foliage associated with the boundary hedge to the Jedburgh (west) side with the local landowners/residents.
- We will replace the Crailing settlement signing and upgrade to 'Welcome to CRAILING, please drive carefully'.
- We will add pedestrian warning signing and SLOW on the road too.

Many thanks

Philippa Gilhooly

Team Leader, Traffic and Road Safety

9 October 2023

From: Nicola Gibb [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 8:26 PM

To: Gilhooly, Philippa <PGilhooly@scotborders.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Speed & lack of visibility of vehicles travelling on the A698 past Crailing. [OFFICIAL]

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Philippa,

We are delighted that work has begun on the cutting back of the trees to the Toll House. Hopefully by tomorrow we will notice a marked improvement in the visibility of traffic approaching from Kelso-thank you.

Happy to go ahead with the new Crailing signage in the same position as the old signage please.

And we would very much welcome "pedestrians crossing" signage with accompanying SLOWs on the road in both directions, somewhere between the existing SLOWs and the village junction.

We all look forward to this is due course and thank you once again for your support.

Many thanks

Nicola

Good afternoon all

It was good to meet with Diana, Alison and Chris from Crailing as well as Police Scotland officers this morning to discuss what we can realistically do for Crailing. Elaine, Amber and John thank you for attending too. Nicola, I don't have an email address for Diana, Alison or Chris, so if you could pass this email on that would be appreciated.

I have spoken with our Asset team this afternoon and informed them of the need to clear the visibility splay to the Kelso side of the junction as a priority and also informed them that unusually, SBC are the landowner of this strip of land and that going forward it should be added to our maintenance list. I'm assured they will task a squad in the coming weeks to make a start on cutting back the vegetation and assess if a specialist contractor will be required to carry out more substantial works and if so to make the appropriate arrangements.

To the Jedburgh side of the junction it is for the residents of the properties to carry out hedge trimming and Alison was going to consider this as one of the owners and it would be useful to let me know the outcome before the Scrutiny meeting next month.

Below is a draft of the enhanced settlement signs that we can offer Crailing with the '*please drive carefully*' prescribed permitted variant and are happy to be guided by residents where they would like the settlement signs located on either side of the junction on approach to Crailing. The signs would be just under 2metres wide by 1metre high. We'd remove the existing standard ones that are attached to the junction warning signs.

We can also offer pedestrian crossing warning signs, but we do need to be mindful of sign clutter and overloading drivers to the extent they become 'sign blind' and already there are junction warning signs, SLOW on the road and red textureflex with white hatching.

If you can let me know the thoughts of the community that would be appreciated.

Many thanks

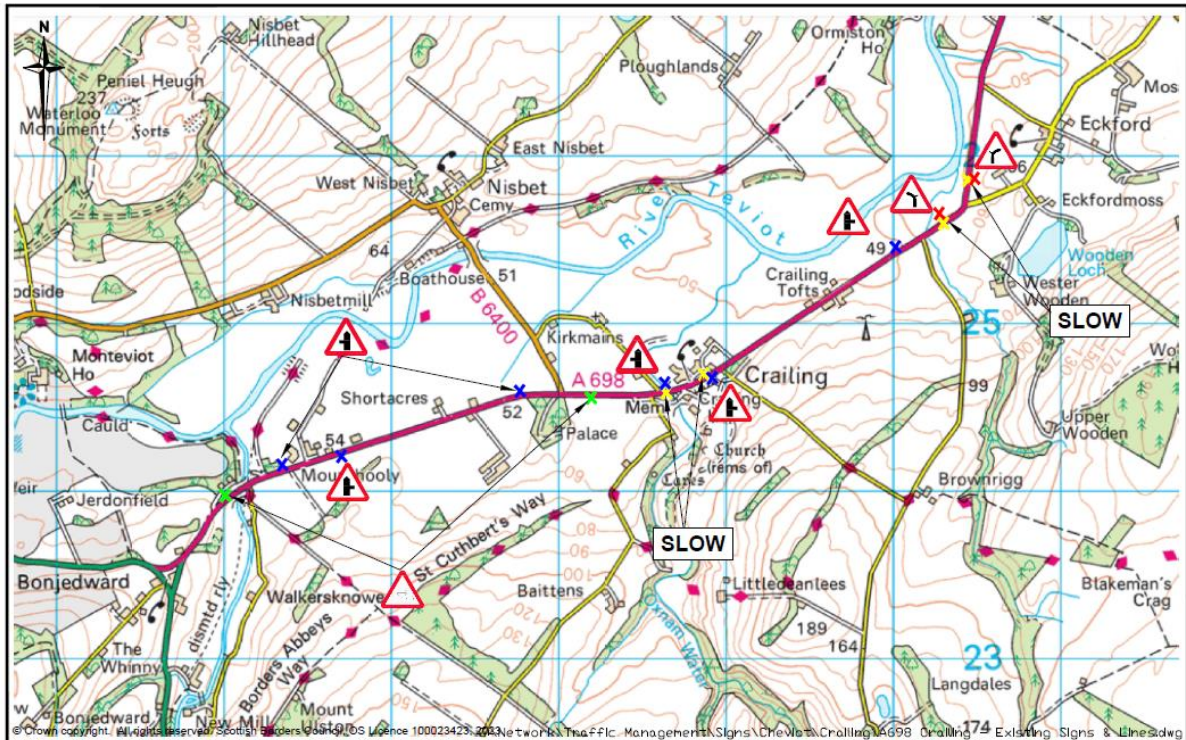
Philippa

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Scheme Ref.			
Sign Ref.	2402.1	x-height	150.0
Letter colour	BLACK	SIGN FACE	
Background	WHITE	Width	1855mm
Border	BLACK	Height	995mm
Material	Class R3B Microprismatic	Area	1.84m ²

Design Wind Loadings:
1.5kN/m²

Environment & Infrastructure		Crailing Village - Entry Signs	Date:	12/07/2019



ROADS		A698 Crailing - Existing Warning Signs and Lines	Project No: Servitor No: Drawing No: Date:	Aug 23
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