

# Safer Speeds At Scotsgrove



... Haddenham and Thame, this involves YOU!

## DO YOU USE THE A418 THAME-AYLESBURY ROAD?

In 2009, following a risk assessment, Transport for Bucks, **with full police support**, proposed a 40mph speed limit at Scotsgrove Junction. So, what happened?

**The 2009 proposals were shelved indefinitely for financial reasons.**

The A418 Scotsgrove Junction  
**is where** the traffic-heavy **A418** bends, passing roadside cottages, and  
**meets** the narrow **C70** that services traffic to and from Haddenham & Thame Parkway.

**The junction has:**

- essential bus-stops;
- agricultural entrances;
- poor visibility from Mill Lane and residential driveways for 30 dwellings;
- regular and commuter traffic from Haddenham, Thame, the station – and beyond
- pounding HGV traffic.

**Vehicles of all types are allowed to approach at 60mph and often exceed that limit.**

**WHY NOW?** The original risk assessment was carried out by the Casualty Reduction team. In the three years leading up to April 2008, there were **nine accidents**, involving one death and several cases of serious injury. If conditions then warranted a 40mph limit, have things improved in 2018? **NO!**

**Incidents in the past 12 months:**

- a van turning over, a car demolishing a hedge, a schoolgirl wearing a lit jacket hit by a car, three incidents of vehicles shunting into each other (one involving a bus). The police have been called to half of these, also confiscating a car doing 'do-nuts' on the A418 at Scotsgrove. The road has been closed twice following accidents.

**Traffic volume and speeds have increased relentlessly; the proposal must be resurrected *now*.**

**The wider view**

- Haddenham & Thame Parkway has seen an increase in rail traffic by a third since 2009. Facilities at the station now allow parking for 729 vehicles; there are additional drop-off and pick-up points, plus a permanent taxi company. Station traffic from Thame, Long Crendon and surrounding villages must use the C70, a country road without pavements or cycle paths.
- The A418 is a strategic link in the chain between the south and east coasts. As such, it is used by HGVs, coaches, and numerous heavy vehicles. Yet, despite its history, Scotsgrove traffic is 'off the leash' from the limits imposed at Stone, Dinton, Gibraltar and the outskirts of Thame. Why?
- Haddenham and Thame with their immediate populations (4,500 and 11,500 in the 2011 census) are **intended to grow** considerably; traffic speeds, including from villages beyond, will only increase.

**THE 40mph PROPOSAL NEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED.** Unspecified financial constraint should not compromise the safety of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

***Thousands use or pass through this junction daily: next time, it could be you.***

Join the campaign – take action now!

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