

History of Traffic Calming in Baydon

(This list is not exhaustive or flawless, but can be used as an approximate guide)

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1960		BPC write to WC to request introduction of a speed limit for Ermin Street
1967		Baydon residents (192 people) sign petition to WC requesting 30MPH limit in the village
1971		<i>M4 is opened and BPC lobby for noise reduction measures</i>
1976		BPC write to House of Commons requesting a speed limit for Aldbourne Road
1977		PC lobbies WC for the speed limit on Aldbourne Road to be moved from near the Downsmead junction to outskirts of village
1985		BPC request speed limit be reduced to 30MPH throughout the village
1989		School Flashing lights (manual) are installed on Ermin Street
1989		30MPH Speed Limits introduced in the majority of the village, but not Ermin Street
1990		BPC write to WC with concerns about HGV’s using Aldbourne Road
1991		BPC request that Berkshire Council install an exit for Membury Industrial area, directly onto the M4. Request denied due to cost
1994		School writes to WC emphasising that the Police Road Safety Unit found Ermin Street to be dangerous with impossible sight lines
1995		School child nearly knocked down by car on Ermin Street
1996		School cannot recruit crossing patrol and writes to WC to request automatic flashing school signs. School emphasises that BPC is working tirelessly to push for traffic calming
1996		BPC write design brief proposing 30MPH limit on Ermin Street, with restrictions and priority schemes each end of Ermin Street, plus potentially 3 mini roundabouts
1998		BPC formally request width restrictions at village entrances, similar to Wanborough with signposting. Plus they request a roundabout at the Red Lion Junction
1999		Flashing 30MPH signs for Ermin Street are approved
2004		Parish Assembly – BPC Chairman reports that speeding through the village continues to be a problem with Police doing Adhoc speed traps
2008		Police designate Baydon as a ‘Community Concern Site’ and do regular speed checks
2008		BPC formally request Chicanes / narrowings at the entrances to the village on Ermin Street, but are told by WC that costs are prohibitive

2008	Aug	<i>Serious car crash immediately outside the school just minutes before the end of the school day</i>
2008		Baydon's Traffic Calming Working Group start to investigate Community Speed Watch schemes, but learn that the police checks would be removed once a CSW is in place, therefore the idea is put on hold
2008	May	Parish Assembly hosts Mr Peter Hanson from Highways who suggests that Baydon could request village "Gateway" treatments e.g. red rumble strips and road markings
2008		School Governor attends BPC Meeting to discuss School Travel Plan & road safety
2009		Baydon Village Plan is produced from questionnaire distributed to the entire village, showing traffic calming is Baydon's number 1 priority
2009		Parish Assembly Hosts Peter Hanson from Highways who discusses various options for traffic calming measures, but says that funding is very limited. Villagers also expressed concern about young children playing near the main road and parents of school children parking irresponsibly
2009		BPC formally write to WC requesting a number of traffic calming measures for the village. The WC reply states that chicanes and narrowings may be the most appropriate measure for Baydon
2009		BPC write to WC and request Horse signs for the road to Russley Park
2010		Traffic Survey in Ermin Street showed 78% of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit. 47.4% of vehicles could have been prosecuted for excessive speed
2010		BPC request Gateway treatments at the three main entrances to the village: red rumble strips, red 30MPH on the road surface and bigger and brighter 30MPH signs. Request is approved and BPC meet with Highways to finalise arrangements
2010		BPC secure matched funding for white gates for the village entrances. BPC source and paint the gates and WC install them
2010		<i>Diane Wright, Teaching Assistant at St Nicholas School is killed on the C146 a few miles from Baydon</i>
2010		The School's Taking Action on School Journeys feasibility study is completed and costs are estimated at £16,000 to widen the path by the school, provide crossing points and make Ermin St / Aldbourne Road junction squarer to reduce car speeds and parking there
2010		Police Speed Camera Partnership is completely cut to save costs, therefore no speed checks in Baydon anymore...
2011	June	<i>BPC secures grants and planning permission to install a brand new children's playground worth £35,000 on the Parish Field near Ermin Street, after consultation with the village on location and equipment choice available (letter box drop with a questionnaire, plus Parish Assembly vote)</i>
2011		Baydon's 18 volunteers begin a Community Speed Watch scheme and do, on average, one session per week for two years.
2011		BPC Cllr attends Community Area Transport Group Meeting and secures £1500 funding for a feasibility Study for a roundabout by the Red Lion. (Later, the results of study state criteria is not met)
2011		Highest speed recorded by the playground area was 75mph, with at least one other car in the lower 70's mph with many in 50's and 60's mph
2011		BPC request that Ermin Street (C146) has a C-Class Road Review to consider moving the 30MPH limits outwards and introducing a 40MPH Zone
2012	March(?)	Marlborough CATG agree that Ermin Street (C146) is one of only two C-roads

		to be put forward for review for year 2012/13
2012		BPC Cllr attends CATG Meeting and secures approx. £1500 funding for some paintwork on the road to make Ermin St appear narrower. (Highways advised BPC to try paintwork so that all available options have been exhausted before applying for traffic obstacles)
2012		CATG agree to BPC's request that the remaining 2011/12 Budget of £3000 go towards a traffic calming obstacle for Ermin Street at the eastern end because statistics show that the highest vehicle speeds take place there
2012		White Lines are put on Ermin St near the playground to make the road appear narrower with the intention of making drivers take more care and reduce their speed. CSW results show that this paintwork has not reduced speeds
2013		Chicanes for Ermin St are on the BPC meeting agendas for June, July, Oct and Dec 2013, in Barbara Furber's news reports and the BPC Minutes
2013	17 June	Chicane draft drawings for Ermin Street are reviewed at the BPC Meeting. It is reported that the safety audit of the project is due to take place shortly and that BPC will be requesting CATG's support in applying for central government funding
2013	July	Marlborough CATG support BPC's application for central government funding of £21,000 . (A couple of months later, BPC learn that the application has been successful)
2013	Sept	BPC query why Baydon has not had it's C-Class Road review as proposed by BPC and agreed by CATG in 2012. Answer: Royal Wootton Bassett Road was prioritised by Highways and Baydon's review was cancelled, meaning Ermin St / C146 speed limits will not be reviewed. CATG state that they would like to review the success of Baydon's Chicanes at the East end of Ermin Street and then support Baydon to apply for funding to put chicanes at the west end of Ermin St in the future.
2013	Sept	BPC request a "Pedestrians in the Road" sign for eastbound vehicles approaching the cricket field entrance on Ermin St. CATG support BPC's request and the task is passed to Highways for action
2013	Sept/ Oct	BPC request that Manor Lane is considered for a 20MPH Limit through WC's 20MPH Limit Consultation with Parish Councils. (Manor Lane is the only road in Baydon to meet the necessary criteria for nomination)
2013	21 Oct	In line with CATG recommendation, BPC agree to budget for Chicanes for the eastern end of Ermin St. Allowing for £3k per year, it will take approx 3 years to have a large enough contribution to then apply for central government funding for the remaining amount of approx £20K, (if the Chicanes at the western end of Ermin Street are proved to be effective)
2013	Oct	<i>Serious Drink Driving Accident on C146 a few miles from Baydon</i>
2014	Jan	Various notices on the website, and several PC meetings take place where residents express concerns
2014	Feb	Baydon Scene - Parish Council Corner - states that work on the Ermin Street Chicanes is due to start in April
2014	May	Road closure w/c 12 May for two weeks for the Chicanes installation to take place. (Actual closure was 7 part days)
2014	Oct	Western Chicane is proved to be successful in reducing speeds from an 85 th percentile of 44MPH to 39MPH
2014	Nov	Metrocount shows that the amount of traffic on Manor Lane has <u>not</u> increased since the chicanes were installed
2015	Feb	BPC request to meet Highways to discuss second stage of traffic calming for

		Baydon
2015	March	Cllr meets with Highways on site and Highways explain the best way to protect the school from speeding traffic
2015	May	BPC agree to spend £6K on two traffic calming obstacles, middle and western end of Ermin Street. (Total cost £18K)
2015	May	MAB agree to Baydon PC's request for £3K donation towards two build outs for Ermin Street and assist Baydon's application for central government funding for the remainder of the cost
2015	July	Notice for residents explaining additional traffic calming plans are put on the noticeboard and website
2015	July	First draft of design plans for buildouts on Ermin Street are available on www.baydon.org
2015	August	Concerns about the proposed buildouts raised in Public Question Time
2015	October	Concerns about the buildouts raised in Public Question Time and most answered
2016	<i>February 10</i>	<i>Pedestrian has life changing injuries after being hit by a car in the village on Aldbourne Road and airlifted to John Radcliffe</i>
2016	<i>February 12</i>	<i>Woman from Lambourn killed on the C146 (Ermin Street) a few miles from Baydon. Two others are airlifted to hospital</i>
2016	February	BPC agree to collect the SID (Speed Indicator Device) offered by WC at no cost. Training cost is £250 per person, which will enable BPC to install it at different locations around the village
2016	<i>February 27</i>	<i>Car lost control and landed on it's roof, just outside the village, at the eastern end of Ermin Street near the motorway bridge. No one is seriously hurt</i>
2016	March	Highways confirm at the CATG Meeting that the plans for the second stage of traffic calming are 70% complete and the work is due to commence w/c 3 October, no updated plans are available yet
2016	June	BPC put a notice in the Baydon Scene to explain the traffic calming project and tell residents there will be an information session in the July BPC meeting
2016	June	At the CATG meeting, the C-Class Road review is reported as finished, with the Baydon-Aldbourn-Ogborne St George road remaining as per current speed limits. Baydon Parish Council can choose to move the 30mph limit around the sharp bend, to where the white gates are, for a cost of £5K. This will be discussed in the Sept 2016 meeting and may be considered when the road surface is in need of repair anyway
2016	<i>June</i>	<i>A speeding drink driver from Aldbourne collides with a Baydon resident's car, on Aldbourne road, on the sharp bend near the 30mph limit. Baydon resident requires hospital treatment</i>
2016	July	Traffic Calming information session included in the BPC Meeting

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