

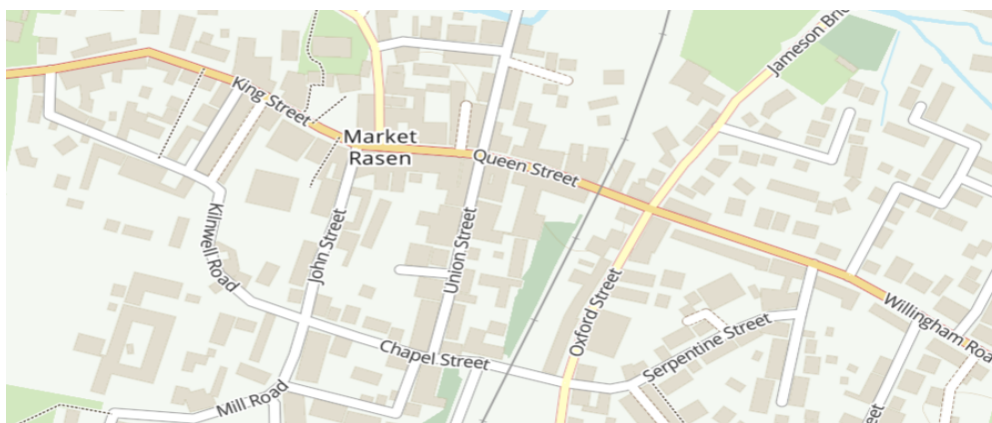
Proposed Road Traffic Orders Market Rasen Wolds –September 2023

Historic Work

In the past the following has been agreed but we are still waiting for it to be implemented. The delay is now significant – several months into years.

1. The relocation of the 30mph speed signs on Willingham Road by De Aston School. MRTC have purchased a solar powered Speed Indicator Device for this location – it will be installed on one of the relocated speed signs.
2. The installation of Average Speed Cameras from Market Rasen to Ludford
3. Public Consultation on reducing the speed limit through North Willingham from 40mph to 30mph.

Natural Residential Zone to the South of A631



Dear Street, Kilnwell Road, Chapel Street, Serpentine Street, Mill Street, John Street, Union Street and Nursery Street.

The roads are generally narrow, and many contain sharp bends.

The zone is defined by the following issues/problems.

- Unsuitable for HGVs
- Speed of vehicles
- Vehicles often must mount the pavements as they pass – dangerous for pedestrians especially when they are travelling too fast.
- Restricted vehicle vision
- Residents parking outside terraced houses – frequently nonresidents are parking outside the terraces

Market Rasen Town Council would like to see the following TPOs in the area

1. Creation of a 20mph speed restriction throughout the area - 'Twenty is Plenty'
2. HGV Weight Limit- except for deliveries.
3. Residential Permit parking along Dear Street and Mill Street – surveys of the residents indicate that in principle they are in favour of the proposal.
4. Create a one way system along Dear Street and Mill Street.

Mill Street

Market Rasen Town Council support the local residents request to extend the double yellow lines on the eastern side of the road. Currently, when vehicles are parked opposite No 3 Mill Street the driveway is almost impossible to use – it is very dangerous. As is the case with the blue van in the attached photo.

In the past the lines were extended to permit easier access to the driveways of some of the residential properties, but not all.



Queen Street

Deliveries to the shops in Queen Street – frequently cause problems for traffic travelling through Market Rasen. On many occasions the deliveries take place at the same time on opposite sides of the roads causing severe problems.

Market Rasen Town Council believe that time restrictions need to be placed on loading and unloading to ensure the smooth flow of traffic during busy periods.

Waterloo Street and Union Street

In recent years Waterloo Street and Union Street have increasingly become a thoroughfare as traffic avoids waiting at the traffic lights at the A631 / B1202 crossroads. A number of these vehicles exceed the 30mph limit causing safety concerns for residents and pedestrians. The problem is particularly acute at travel to and from work times. Police, Lincolnshire Road Partnership, and Highways have surveyed the situation on more than one occasion and have concluded that there is no need for cameras, road calming measures.

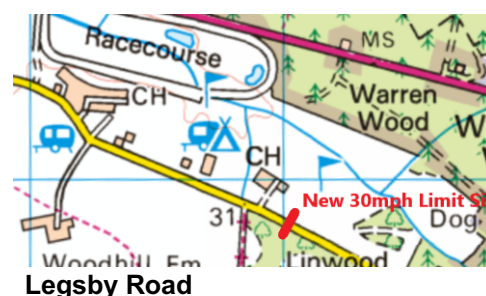
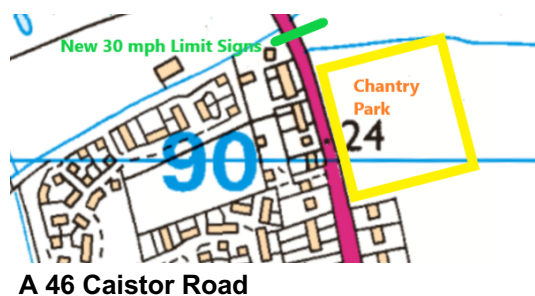
MRTC will continue to support residents in their efforts to reduce speed along these roads.

Speed Restriction Zones

MRTC support local residents/businesses in their desire to see extensions to the following speed restrictions.

1: A 46 Caistor Road - extend the start of the 30mph zone northwards to before the Chantry Park development.

2: Legsby Road Market Rasen. Extend the 30 mph zone out of the town towards Legsby. In addition to slowing the traffic down outside the racecourse, caravan parks [Racecourse, Lindsey Trail Touring Park and the recently approved static caravans] and Golf Club. It will also mean that The Racecourse will not need to request temporary extensions several times a year!



North Willingham

Not strictly in Market Rasen Parish. Formal requests need to go through North Willingham Parish Meeting.

There are 4 Outstanding Concerns:

1. Average Speed Cameras – promised during the Autumn
2. Public consultation for reducing the speed limit through the village from 40 to 30mph. – promised during the Autumn
3. Caistor High Street B1225 – A631 Junction 'Boucherett Corner' - extend the 30 mph speed restriction zone out towards Caistor. Highways and Lincolnshire Road Partnership have surveyed the cross roads – whilst proposing/making some adjustments to the signage on the A631 they do not deem it necessary to undertake any changes on the B1225. The reason given is that the road conditions, density of housing and accident records do not meet LCC criteria. This decision was confirmed in my Meeting with Cllr Richard Davies – LCC Executive Member responsible for Highways- in our meeting at the beginning of August.



Boucherette Corner

4. Motorbikes – speed, noise and 'deliberate' dangerous driving – this is a problem all along the A631. Wednesday bike nights, hot sunny weekends and bank holidays are major problem times. North Willingham Parish run a Speed Watch Programme – but they are frequently threatened unless they are accompanied by police.
 - There is a definite need for more policing and enforcement on busy bike occasions – unfortunate there are insufficient resources available to provide the cover required. Local councils are lobbying for more funds and manpower to be allocated to the problem. [The dedicated teams that do exist are not full time – the attached officers having more than one role – meaning that they are not always able to patrol the bike issues].
 - Local residents, and local police, have suggested that the attraction to the area for bikers will be reduced by the introduction of car parking restrictions and charges at Willingham Woods and also by LCC removing the license for the refreshment kiosk at the Car Park. Senior Police and Highways officers are not as supportive as they believe it will not reduce the problem merely move it elsewhere in the area. Also the suggestion would be against the current commitment to encouraging active leisure and tourism in the area. [Councils could if they so wish lobby the authorities to amend the commitment].

Feature Race Day Traffic

The three feature meetings of the current season – Boxing Day, Summer Plate and Music Night – have created significant traffic incidents in the Market Rasen Area. The problems are certainly worse than they have been in recent years.

LCC, WLDC, Blue light Emergency Services and The Jockey Club are undertaking a full review and are creating a new traffic, pedestrian and oncourse security plan from first principles. The work is being carried out under the auspices of the local Strategic Action Group. [SAG]. The first major meeting of the group is planned for September 14th.