

# Notice of Meeting for the Ickleford Parish

All electors of Ickleford Parish are hereby invited to a meeting to be held:

**AT: Ickleford Village Hall – Main Hall**  
82 Arlesey Road, Ickleford, HITCHIN, SG5 3TG.

**ON: Monday 20 June 2011 – At 8:30pm to allow time to record attendees**  
with prompt meeting start at 8:40pm.

The Agenda will be:

A motion proposing that a Referendum of the whole Parish be held, on the following question:

**“Provided there is a safe pedestrian crossing outside the school, do you want all road humps (16 road cushions and 3 flat-top humps) in Ickleford removed (YES/NO)?”**

Here is a brief outline of our reasons for requesting this Poll:

£222,918 was spent for the purpose of safety improvements in Ickleford. A petition against the road humps received 620 signatures from 450 Ickleford residents and 170 from surrounding areas. On 19 April 2010, this petition was presented to and accepted by the Hertfordshire Highways Joint Member Panel before the scheme was completed. In referring to the consultation, the IPC admitted it *“could have done things better”*.

Since the scheme, people have reported witnessing dangerous driving, damage to vehicles, noise and air pollution, untypical traffic queuing (even before other local road closures), that the school crossing is difficult to see, near misses, rear shunts, smashed wing mirrors, damaged road cushions which have not been repaired promptly, in addition to physical pain and discomfort when travelling through the village below the speed limit.

By far the most dangerous road through Ickleford is Bedford Road with around 30,000 vehicles travelling at over 35mph every week and the highest injury accident rate. The safety improvements in Ickleford have done nothing notable to make this road safer.

The most contentious part of the scheme was the installation of 16 road cushions and 3 flat-top humps along Turnpike Lane and Arlesey Road with many saying that this simply punished the majority of law abiding safe drivers, was an over the top “solution”, and would not reduce incidents of inappropriate driving.

The humps have been in place for approximately one year which is a reasonable time to measure their impact on quality of life in the village. Residents are therefore entitled to express their opinion on whether the humps should be removed.

This meeting is called by the undersigned six electors of this Parish:

Jacqueline A Abbott of 14 Abbis Orchard, SG5 3TN

Pamela S Brannigan of 1 Abbis Orchard, SG5 3TN

Thomas R Carter of 111 Arlesey Road, SG5 3TH

Adrian Johnson of 1 Ryder Way, SG5 3XL

Suzanne Roynon-Hunter of 1 Ryder Way, SG5 3XL

Peter F Wyman of 5 Golden Willows, SG5 3TR