

Sandon and Burston Parish Council – Frame of Reference - Canal Bridge (B5066) Working Group

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Group members:

Cllr Patrick Hickey, Cllr Hugo Wildblood, Cllr Adam Greaves, with two residents.

The working group can invite additional parish residents to join the group, clerks to be informed so can add to circulation list.

Chairman of Working Group: At the first meeting, a Chair will be elected.

Frame of Reference:

The working group will meet between the Full Parish Council meetings to review the list of concerns and solutions presented by Councillors and residents for the area of the Canal Bridge (B5066) and surrounding areas, up to A51 junction (Dog and Doublet).

The concerns and solutions for the area that will be considered are listed below and were agreed in the Parish Council meeting dated 04.11.2025.

An Action Plan on how to deal with each item of concern will be created by the Working Group and the Chair of the Working Group will circulate the recommendations to the full Council prior to the next Parish Council meeting. The next Full Parish Council will vote to accept the Action Plan.

A permanent item will be included on the Parish Council Agenda to receive updates on the Actions taken and consider new Actions needed.

The Working Group members are not authorised/have no power, to discuss with any outside bodies/higher authorities, any ideas developed within the working group, **without a resolution from the full Parish Council**. The Working Group is not authorised to update any form of social media unless a resolution is passed at the Parish Council meeting.

Notes of Working Group

Notes of each Working Group will be taken by the Chair of the Working Group and will be circulated to all members and Full Council before the next full Parish Council meeting.

Funding for Working Group.

There is no Budget for this working group, except for meeting room rental, approx. 6 times per year.

Canal Bridge Concerns and solutions:

1. A 7.5 tonne weight limit to help reduce the volume of traffic which is getting heavier.
2. Traffic lights to control the traffic coming from Stafford end of B5066.
3. Lighting and Signage before the bend on Sandon Bank to show possible queueing traffic.
4. Better line marking at the bridge and lighting of priority signs.
5. A footpath from the canal bridge and railway footbridge, from bridges to the A51.
6. Work with SBC and SCC to add a weight restriction limit to the Canal Bridge.
7. Signage to show pedestrians on the road with no footpath (the weight limit would also help with safety concerns on the bend of the Railway bridge).
8. The Junction of the A51 and B5066 is getting particularly bad with numerous accidents and vehicles using the wrong side of the war memorial to turn right towards Stafford. Consider a reshaping of the triangle that the war memorial stands on to make it look more obvious that traffic moves round it in a clockwise direction,
9. Signage and road markings are made clearer, with "20 is plenty" in the area of Mumbles Nursery.
10. The redesign of A51/B5066 junction to make visibility far clearer for traffic turning onto the A51.
11. Ask for SCC to review the signage at A51/B5066 junction, as need less clutter of road signs coming off of the dual carriageway into the village.
12. Parking restrictions on the road outside of Mumble Nursery.
13. Consult Highways on the need for the present 40mph speed limit to be reduced to 30mph and a 40mph be extended to the top of Sandon Bank on the B5066, to extend the 40mph along the A51 dual carriageway to allow a buffer from 60 mph to 30 and also to do the same on the N west end of Sandon beyond the Burston turning.