

Traffic & Highways Update

The Parish Council recently met with Trafford Highways to talk through ongoing concerns about traffic management, speeding concerns, parking and road conditions and maintenance across Dunham Massey. The aim is to start building a more joined-up short and long-term strategy based on resident feedback.

Speeding Concerns

Speeding continues to be a growing issue across the parish.

- Several roads have already been flagged for review, including Black Moss, School Lane, Paddock Lane, Barns Lane and Woodhouse Lane.
- A speed review for Black Moss is currently expected in 2026/27.
- Reducing speed limits isn't quick or simple, it requires a **Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)**, which is costly and involves consultation, planning, legal processes, and prioritisation due to many requests.
- Better data is key and new technology and speed guns is being used to gather speed information.
- There's also the possibility of adding more signage, including "Welcome to Dunham" gateway signs.

What's happening next:

- A list of roads will be reviewed for speed data analysis.
 - Recent data is being checked and repeat speeding issues may be reported to the police for enforcement.
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Woodhouse Lane Issues

Ongoing safety issues were discussed regarding two locations on Woodhouse Lane:

Traffic & Parking - Between School Lane and Smithy Lane:

A number of options are being explored to improve traffic flow and safety:

- Clearer signage
- Parking restrictions in certain areas
- Possible permit parking (if there's strong support from residents)
- Pay-and-display parking to discourage visitor parking, while protecting residents

- A one-way system was considered but isn't practical due to access for farm vehicles

Near the bend before Station Road:

- Progress has been slower than hoped due to existing constraints
- Additional signage considered unnecessary due to recent installations but request for the "Slow" signs on the road surface to be repainted has been submitted.
- Some verge clearing is still needed
- Options for another footpath is being considered with the National Trust



Road Conditions & Potholes

Road condition concerns focused on general worsening potholes and surface deterioration, particularly on Black Moss Road, where drivers are avoiding damaged edges and near the Whitehouse/Redhouse Lane crossroads where there are large holes and tracks adjacent to the road surface.

Road maintenance remains a big challenge due to limited funding.

- Around £16 million per year is needed for capital funding to properly maintain roads, but currently only about £1.9 million is available.
- This means repairs and resurfacing have to be prioritised against other infrastructure requirements.
- Regular maintenance continues via Amey maintenance cycle.
- School Lane is currently scheduled for resurfacing in early 2026/27.
- Surveys of local roads (including Bowdon) are planned this year, with results expected in October.
- Footways inspected on a 5-year cycle using the **Horizons** analysis system.

Some specific issues raised:

- Potholes and road edges on Black Moss are getting worse
- Surface conditions near the Whitehouse/Redhouse Lane crossroads have contributed to an accident
- Responsibility for potholes off the main road network is still unclear, and residents are advised not to carry out repairs themselves due to potential risks

👉 The best way to report potholes or road issues is still via Trafford's online portal system.

Looking Ahead

Visibility on future capital works for 2026/27 will be shared as they become available.

We hope to be able to share our short and long term strategy at the next Parish Council Annual Assembly.

If you continue to raise concerns and report issues on the Trafford portal it really helps build the case for action and funding, so please keep the feedback coming 👍