Bisley High Street Traffic Survey Responses and Next Steps

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. 23 of approx. 70 distributed (in the High Street, Wells Road, George Street, Back Lane) were returned by 31/5/23. The one clear result was on speeding: 21 said very important; 2 somewhat important. All other issues had quite mixed responses – see detailed summary on Parish Council website.

County Cllr Sue Williams and District Cllr Martin Brown met the local GCC Highways Manager on site to discuss possible measures. One proposal discussed was the possibility of restricting traffic between the George Stores and the Cheltenham Road junction by the Stirrup Cup. This would prevent those trying to avoid traffic on the upper road – presumed to be the speeding offenders - and calm traffic through the centre of the village. *This is only a suggestion at present, to be explored as below.*

Next steps:

- Speed surveys traffic counters will be requested from GCC in the High Street and in George Street. This would show both the speeding problem and how many vehicles are going straight through to the Cheltenham Road, how many turning into George Street and on to the Stroud Road (and coming from the Cheltenham Road/George Street into the High Street).
- GCC Highways Engineer will be asked to look at the feasibility of restricting traffic between the George Stores and the Cheltenham Road junction, including the effect of displaced traffic.

Depending on the outcome of these steps, further consultation will be carried out, perhaps by a Village Hall meeting for all residents. Any change would require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) at a cost of c.£20,000, which would have to be raised locally. Physical work to close the stretch in question would be a minor cost, according to the Highways Manager – bollards or similar and line-painting to control parking/allow for turning.