Site ID	B4425 Bibury, Cirencester	Number of Fatalities	0	Number of Seriously Injured	1	Number of Slight	1				
Comments about the site											
Geometry	Vertical Alignment Present	Horizontal Alignment Present	Transition Curve Present	Superelevation Present	SSD Present	Sharp Bends	Intersections Visibility				
	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes				
	Average	Poor			Average	Average	Average				
Speed limit	30										
Visibility	Average										
Conditions of the Road	Asphalt Present	Road Markings Present	Road Signs Present	Illumination Present	VRS Present	Clear Zone Present	Non-Frangible Objects on the side of the road				
	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes				
	Average	Poor	Average				Average				
Request for the Visit											

Comments and Recommedations

Introduction:

Bibury is a small, residential village. It is a beautiful village that attracts visitors. For clarity, "Bibury" includes Arlington.

Over the last 5-10 years the level of visitors has increased exponentially.

There has been a huge increase in the number of cars and coaches visiting the village. There is a lack of infrastructure and parking control to support the increased levels of tourism. Further, there are a limited number of commercial activities and these indicate that they see limited income from the coach passengers.

Issues

The width of the carriageway on the approach to the village on the B4425 is restricted due to limited road widths. There are multiple bends where vehicles over 17T have to stray across the central line markings in order to continue their journey. This posses a risk of head on collisions.

The bridge is suffering sturctural damage.

The bridge in the centre of the village is an attraction for tourists. While there is a dedicated pedestrian bridge, there were a number of people standing in the carriageway to get a photograph taken.

There is nothing in place to indicate which vehicle has right of way at the bridge, this could cause conflicts and create frustration amongst drivers leading to 'aggressive' driving.

There are 2 number of coach parking bays, however in order to manoeuvre into these spaces coaches are blocking the carriageway and reversing into the space. this is in the same area where pedestrian s are directed to use the pedestrian footbridge.

Recommendations:

- Install a priority system at the bridge (install the correct signage and carriageway markings).
- Remove and relocate the coach parking area. This could be troublesome as there seems to be no area within the immediate vicinity (3Km) which is suitable for coaches.
- Install a park and ride system outside of the village (using smaller vehicles to 'ferry' visitors into the area).
- Install a pedestrian footpath on the bridge.
- Install a width restriction on the bridge (it would need to be wide enough for emergency vehicles to access) any advance signs would have to be located on all approaches to the village to allow oversized vehicles to leave the area. Local businesses would be affected, so a campaign to inform them to organise deliveries etc would be required.
- Install a 17T ban.

NOTE:

GCC Road Safety Officers witnessed on spearate occasions Coaches reversing in to the parking bays - without a banksman - Traffic Stopped for 5 minutes due to blocked carriageway. Coaches alighting passengers in to the carriageway (See picture 10).



















