Good afternoon Antonia.

I’ve split the different options you have listed into two sections: the first is the ‘physical’ traffic calming measures - and therefore more costly; the second are ‘passive’ traffic calming – which are generally far cheaper (although cheap is a fairly relative term for these):

* *Chicanes*
* *Humps or tables in the road*
* *Road narrowing*

These 3 options are the most costly of those you have listed: A chicane or similar priority system has a starting cost of around £30-£40,000. A series of speed humps (usually in sets of 5) is around £15,000 and a fully constructed speed-table would cost around £10’000 per installation. Road narrowing is tricky to estimate – as it depends on the length of road under consideration – but these are normally installed as a set of ‘pinch points’ and cost around £3500 per location and a typical village would see 4 such points – so we can assume around £14’000.

I’m afraid I have to advise that all of these are classed as physical traffic calming measures – and as such, Suffolk Highways current policy does not permit these to be installed on “A” or “B” roads – so even if significant funding were to be sourced, these would not be approved for Dalham.

* *Dragon teeth/gates into the village*
* *Roundels on the road*
* *Extra signage*
* *40mph buffer*

Of these options, only the village gateways can be installed without requiring a speed survey and have to be funded at local level. These vary in cost depending on the supplier, size and style of gateway – but a rough guide is around £1800 per pair to source and approximately £500 per pair to install. These are owned/maintained by the respective Parish Councils.

The other options listed are all examples of Passive Traffic Calming, which will be considered on “A” and “B” roads – but all are dependent on the results of an official Suffolk Highways speed survey:

Dragons Teeth cost around £800 per set, additional speed roundels are around £600 per installation ( both including traffic management costs).

Extra signage varies but a typical sign and post installation is around £450 (£120 if using an existing post).

The cost of a 40mph buffer zone is also hard to estimate – as the overall cost is very much location dependent. A similar length buffer zone in Brockley has recently been estimated at the  £7600-£8600 range – so this is a decent enough guide.

I must stress that commissioning the surveys does not guarantee that any of these speed reduction measures will be appropriate. A great many show that the speeding issues are perceived more than actual. Even if funding is sourced, if the level of speeding is not significant enough, these additional measures will not be considered.

I’m afraid until we have some black and white survey data, it is impossible to suggest which of these passive measures will be appropriate or permitted etc – but as you can see, many of these are far more expensive than the purchase price of an extra SID.

With regard to the ditching/drainage issues, I appreciate how frustrating this is – but all I can recommend is for you and any concerned or impacted resident to keep reporting these issues as they occur via our online reporting tool. Each report will be visited by one of our Assessment Officers and they will either raise reactive works when they are able or refer this to our Drainage Team for their prioritisation if they cannot raise reactive works.

At any point, they will refer issues with privately owned ditches or land drain problems to our Enforcement Team, who will issue ditching notices if required.

Kind regards.

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