

Traffic in Dundry Village – Looking Ahead

Most of you will have noticed how much the traffic through Dundry has increased over the years, especially larger vehicles. Our roads were never really designed for the volume and size of traffic they now carry every day.

The tight bends and narrow roads through the centre of the village can be difficult for everyone — residents, school families, visitors and drivers alike. There has also been damage to several roadside walls and properties, including near the Church, the school and along Dundry Lane.

Many residents have raised concerns about noise, vibration, congestion and safety, particularly around school drop-off and pick-up times. With no proper pavement link between the village car park and the school, parents and children are often sharing the road with traffic, including HGVs.

A Way Forward?

Since September 2025, Dundry Parish Council has been exploring a proposal for a new relief road which could help take pressure off the busiest and most constrained part of the village. The idea is to create a direct route across Dundry Downs, linking Downs Farm to Dundry Lane, helping larger vehicles avoid the tightest section of the village wherever possible.

This proposal could also bring some wider benefits for the village, including:

- extra landscaped and recreational space for Dundry School
- a new pedestrian route between Downs Road car park and the Royal British Legion car park
- less congestion in the village centre
- safer access for pedestrians and school families

Early in October 2025, North Somerset Council responded positively to our proposal, although funding remains the main challenge. In November 2025, Dundry Parish Council also reached an agreement in principle with J B Pearce & Sons to support the creation of the new route.

In March 2026, councillors met with the headteacher and representatives of the school governors to discuss the possible benefits for the school and the wider village.

In April 2026 a brief discussion was held with Royal British Legion about the proposal.

Funding the Project

Neither North Somerset Council nor J B Pearce Ltd are in a position to fund the road directly. To help make the project possible, the Parish Council is exploring whether a

small number of carefully placed building plots near Dundry Lane could help fund the wider scheme and associated improvements.

Village Discussion

This is a developing proposal, and we know you will have questions and views to share. A public meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16 June 2026 from 8pm** at Dundry Village Hall. Residents will be able to see the idea in more detail, ask questions and take part in the discussion.

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