



The path on the South side of the A91 approaching Dollar from Muckhart looks initially good: wide enough for pedestrians to use in safety away from passing traffic.

Gradually the path fades away to unusable on the very edge of the 60mph limit making it dangerous for pedestrians and road users, unpassable by pedestrians with pushchairs and it is un navigable for those in a wheelchair.

This is despite connecting to a clearly signposted "Path" that loops round the south of the town and is a popular family walking area.



North side of A91 approaching Dollar from Muckhart. Too easy to overlook but the landowner's failure to repair fences in a field into which cattle are permitted to graze poses a significant danger to traffic on the A91. Top right picture fence compromised on south side of A91 due to storm damage.



South side of Bridge Street approaching Dollar from Muckhart.

This safety hazard is an example of a good idea badly executed.

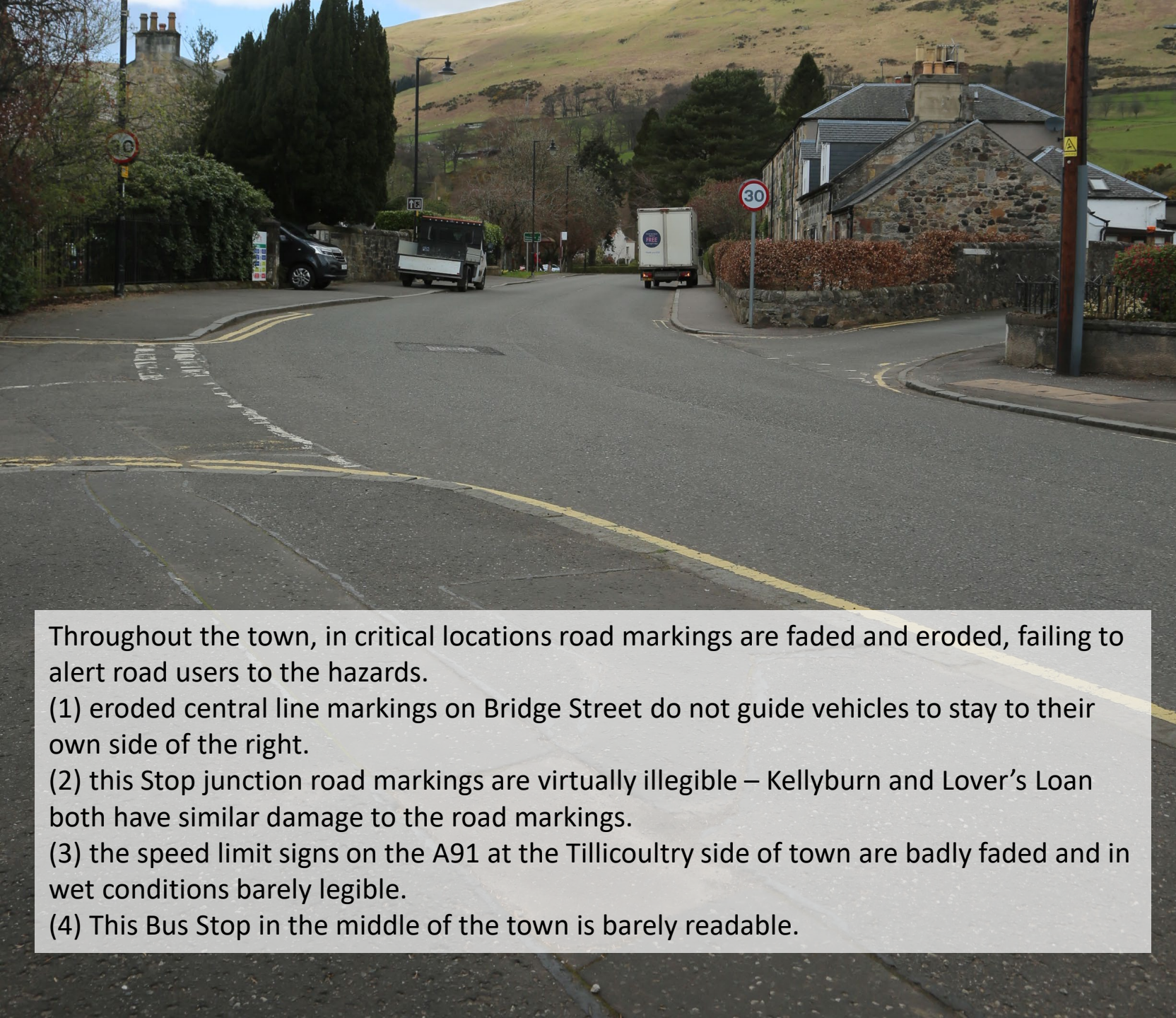
Yes it gives notice to road users of the hazard of the wall and the pathway ahead, however the location of the bollards forces pedestrians with pushchairs into the path of oncoming traffic and brings wheelchair bound residents to a complete impasse.

Why are these bollards required and if they are required why position them in the middle of the pathway putting pedestrians in danger of the oncoming traffic?



Bridge Street, Dollar. Heading into town along the A91 from Muckhart.

Similar to other concerns, these pictures illustrate the dangerously narrow pathways with lamp-posts forcing pedestrians into the roadway and narrow pathways unprotected from the danger of road traffic.



Throughout the town, in critical locations road markings are faded and eroded, failing to alert road users to the hazards.

- (1) eroded central line markings on Bridge Street do not guide vehicles to stay to their own side of the road.
- (2) this Stop junction road markings are virtually illegible – Kellyburn and Lover’s Loan both have similar damage to the road markings.
- (3) the speed limit signs on the A91 at the Tillicoultry side of town are badly faded and in wet conditions barely legible.
- (4) This Bus Stop in the middle of the town is barely readable.



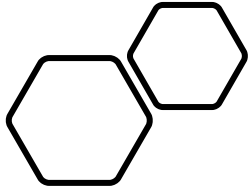


The dysfunctional Interactive Speed warning sign on the Devon Road approach to Dollar is another example of road furniture not working adequately to communicate with motorists and vehicle drivers.

The faded Bus Stop sign and obscured speed limit road sign mean that motorists are not properly and adequately alerted to danger zones throughout the town.



Two critical missed opportunities to advise vehicle drivers of the 20mph speed limits at critical points in the major routes into and through the town.



And some road signs are just too easy to ignore.

In the top picture drivers turning into Devon Road are forced to swing out wider than is sensible.

In the second photo, traffic accelerating through the 20mph to 30mph transition end up diving into the middle of the road in conflict with oncoming vehicles doing the same from the opposite direction.

In both cases pedestrians are forced off the pavement and into the roadway.



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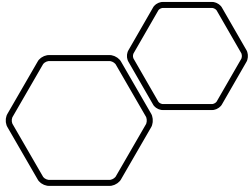




Would this driver have stuck to their own side of the road if road markings were properly maintained? And still travelling at 20mph instead of accelerating to over 30mph?



It would be worth considering introducing some form of pedestrian island at this wide section of Bridge Street which often sees elderly and vulnerable local citizens attempt to cross the road with no island in the middle and traffic failing to observe the speed limit. It is simply a question of time before a serious RTA takes place at this location.



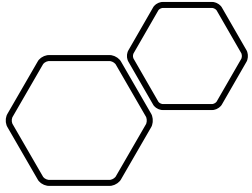
Even where traffic “islands” have been created to assist pedestrians to cross the road in relative safety, the road markings are so indistinct as to be easily ignored by impatient drivers who often rush to accelerate past slower moving traffic on Bridge St. A91.

Consideration has to be given to a better “refuge” area in the middle of the roadway.



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These three images at Lower Mains illustrate the broken and damaged surface of the pavement caused by agricultural traffic and drivers cutting the corner turning left off the Devon Road.

It needs repair to prevent forcing pedestrians into the roadway.





The intersection of Devon Road and Bridge Street is already a bottleneck, the planned expansion of the town will make this a nightmare without significant infrastructure improvement.