



Delivery Services presented us with the “Draft Report and Management Plan” for the “Wansford Conservation Area and Village Appraisal”. They observe that, “*The open centre with the church on the south side gives a clear identity. However, this is somewhat diminished in that the dominance of the road and general special organisation tend to give the feeling of a ‘;place to pass through’ rather than a ‘sense of place’.*”. They go on to say, “*A greater sense of arrival and place could be achieved if the spatial organisation at the village centre was re-organised to reinforce the 'square' or 'static' qualities of the space. This could be achieved by means such as:*

- *Re-aligning the road carriageway, grass verges and footpaths*
- *Carefully positioned tree planting*
- *Re-organising street lighting and other street furniture items.*

*It is acknowledged that there is no historical precedent for these suggestions. However, the nature and role of the village have changed so fundamentally over the last 75 years that proposals along these grounds may be justifiable as 'enhancement works' purely on visual and possibly traffic management grounds.*

*It is accepted that no funds have been allocated for works such as carriageway re-alignment. It may be that tree planting and street furniture re-organisation could be achieved gradually through the small annual capital budgets and periodic maintenance funds.”*

Well at least they are thinking about it – and we should, too. If you have any ideas about what could be done, please contact me or anyone else who might be able to persuade the City Council to fund improvements. The Parish Council does have some money to spend on Wansford enhancement and so small budget suggestions are just as welcome as grand schemes. Of course you are very welcome to turn up at our **next meeting on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. in the Community Hall** and have your say on this and any other matters that concern Wansford and its residents. PC Norman McCallum, our Rural Community Police Constable will be there to answer any questions you may have for him.

## Wansford Parish’s local eyesore:



### The Little Chef

As you might know the Little chef has been under offer for some time and the negotiations have been about the state of the building and how it should be renovated. During this time it has been seriously vandalised and now requires total refurbishment.



Mr Ian Taylor is the new lessee. He lives at Nassington and already has the Stibbington and Willow (Alwalton) transport cafes. The premises will be refurbished in the Art Deco style and to a high quality and will be used as an up-market roadside restaurant during the day and Restaurant and Bar during the evening.

We're sure that you will agree that this is encouraging news – rather better than its conversion to a sex shop (as happened to a building further south down the A1!) It will be interesting to see what becomes of the large plot of land to the north of the building. The Parish Council will keep an eye on developments, but, once again, if you have any concerns or observations, do let us know.

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