

Long Marston Village Traffic trends 2024/2025

Long Marston currently has two traffic calming “Vehicle Activated Signs”, (VAS units) located at either end of the village. These two VAS units work in conjunction with the two “Traffic Calming Build Outs” to slow driver’s speed as they drive through the village. The traffic calming VAS units have one main purpose, to show drivers their actual speed as they approach the unit with a display message, such as “Slow Down” or “Thank You” when they are within the speed limit. The two traffic calming display units have proved successful in slowing vehicles driven through the village.

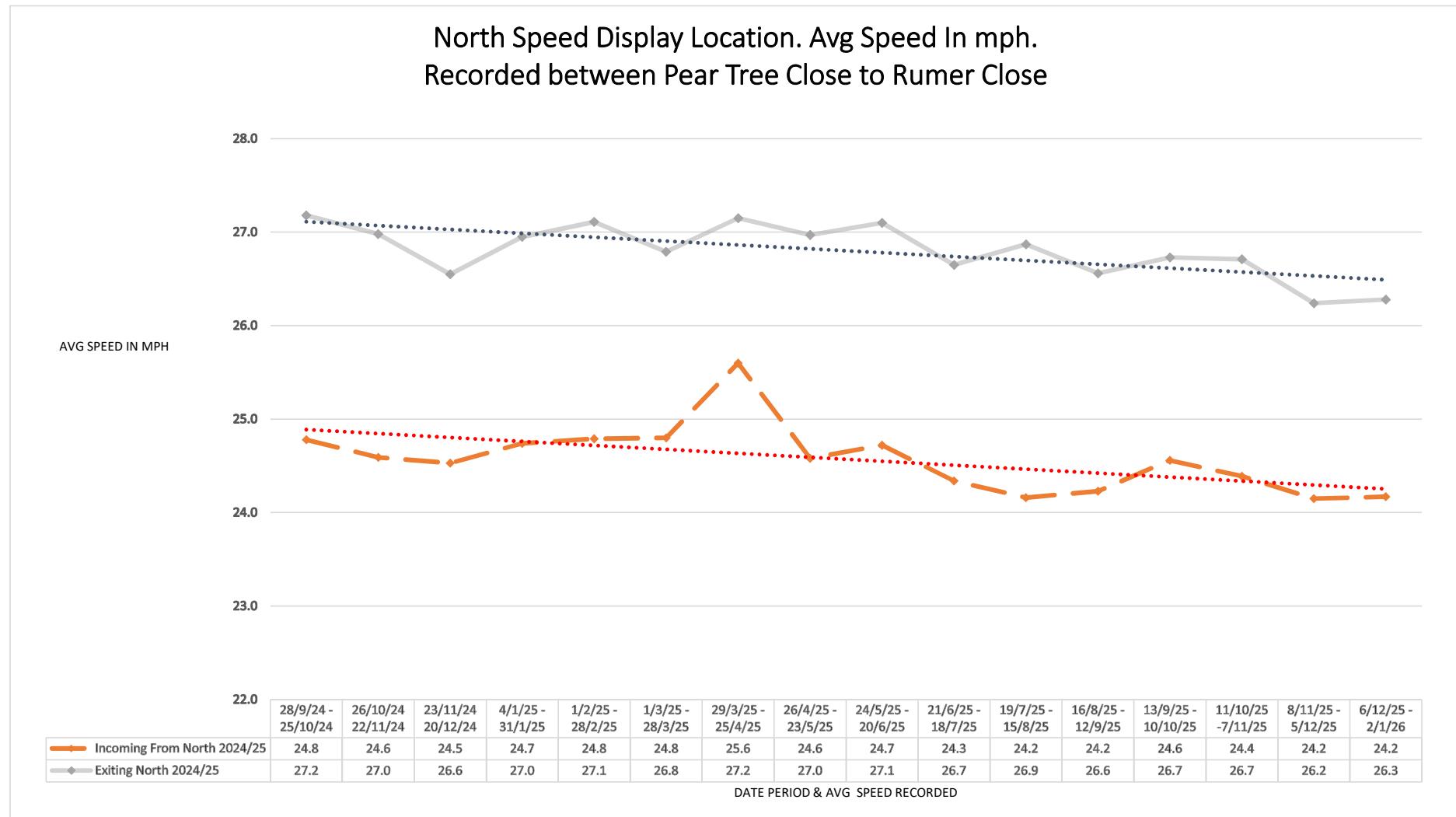
They also have a secondary function in the software, which is to collect and collate data. The software is not designed, nor intended, for specific individual vehicle analysis. However, it does provide automatically collated statistical data for trend comparisons of driving behaviour and speeds. This data is captured 24 hrs/day, 7 days a week using the same data collection machines from the same collection points, giving constancy comparisons to be made.

The following charts show the traffic trends and speeds through the village .

All charts show the data collated for both incoming vehicles and exiting vehicles as they pass the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS units) at each end of the village.

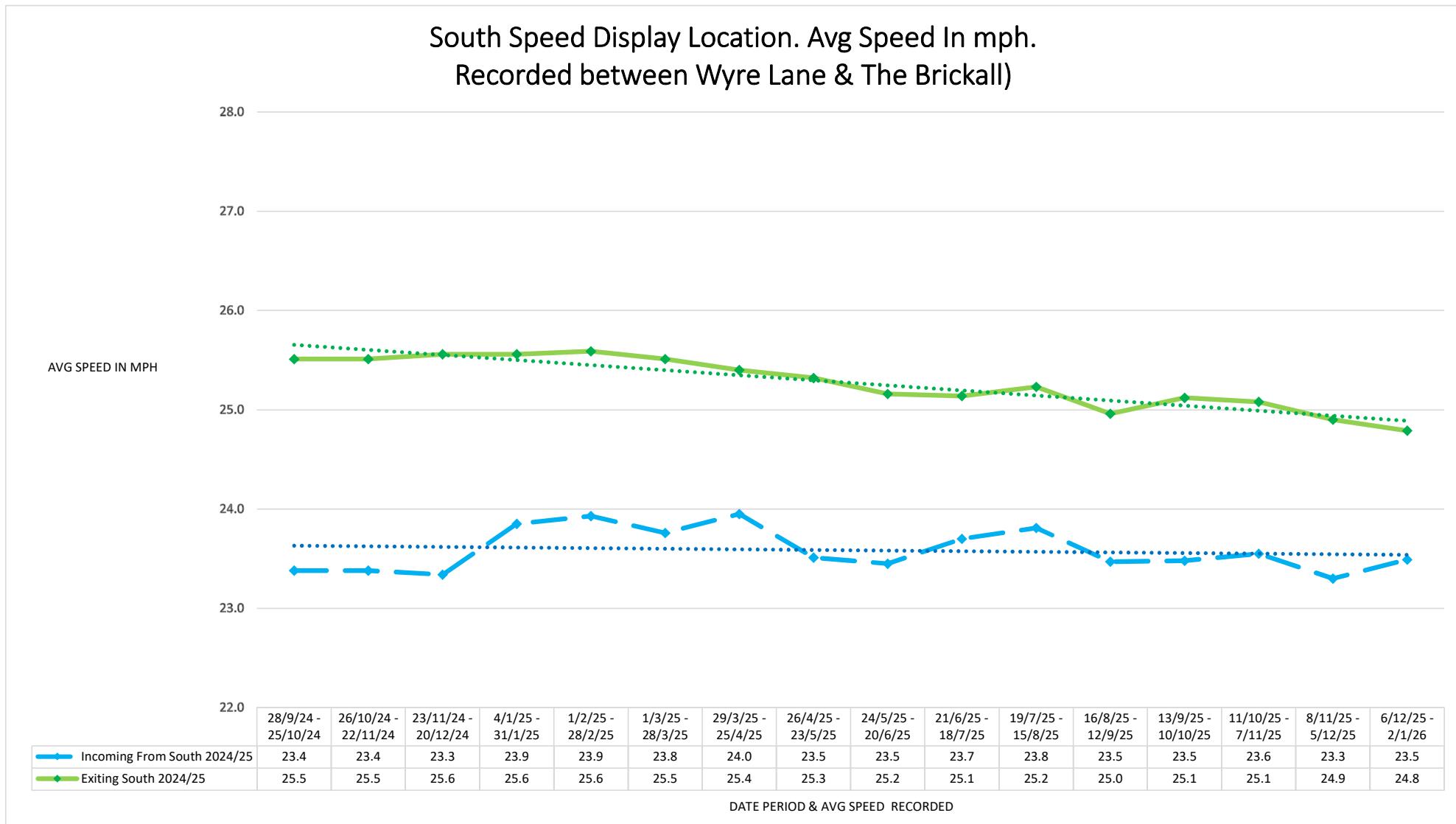
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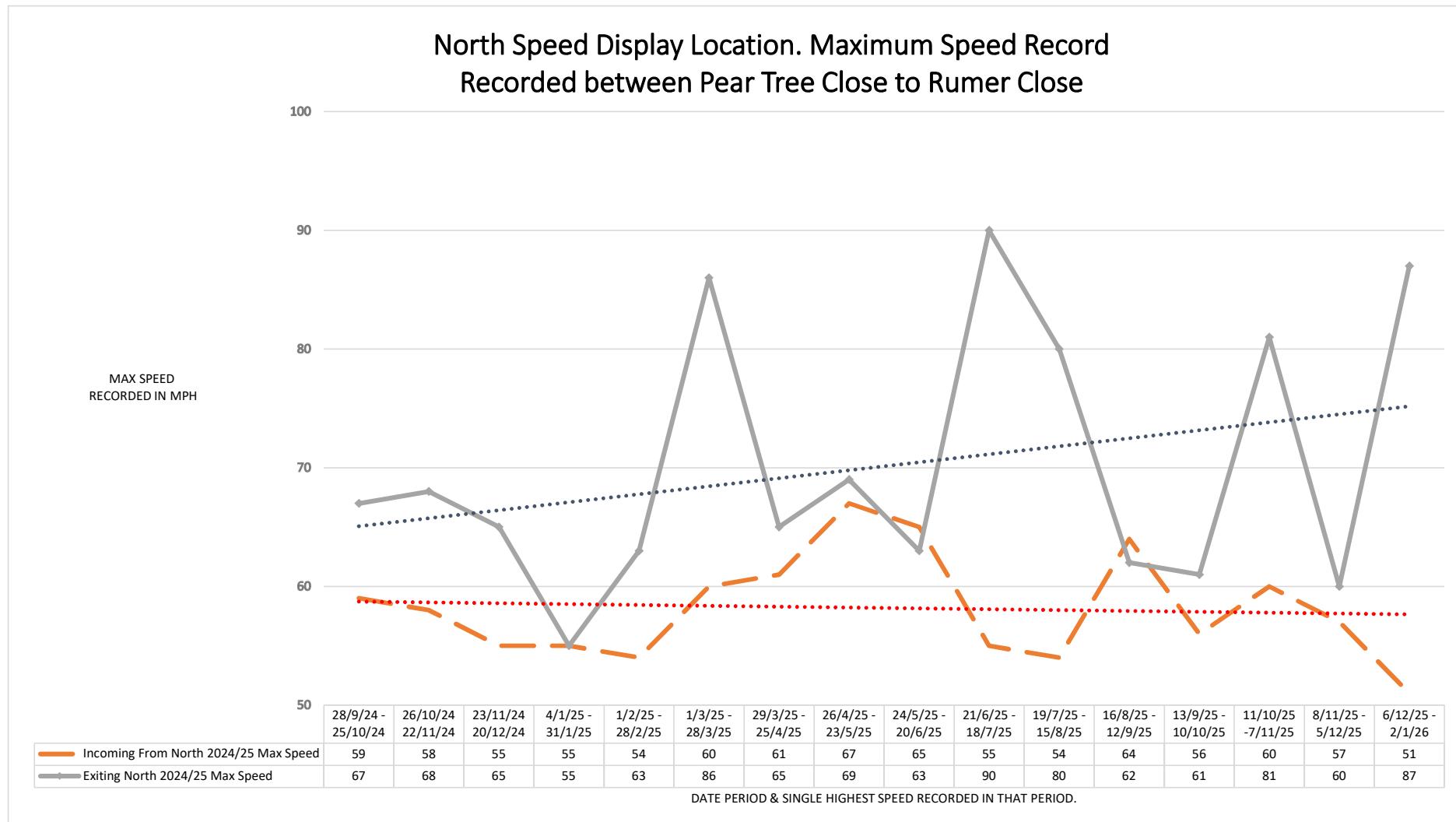
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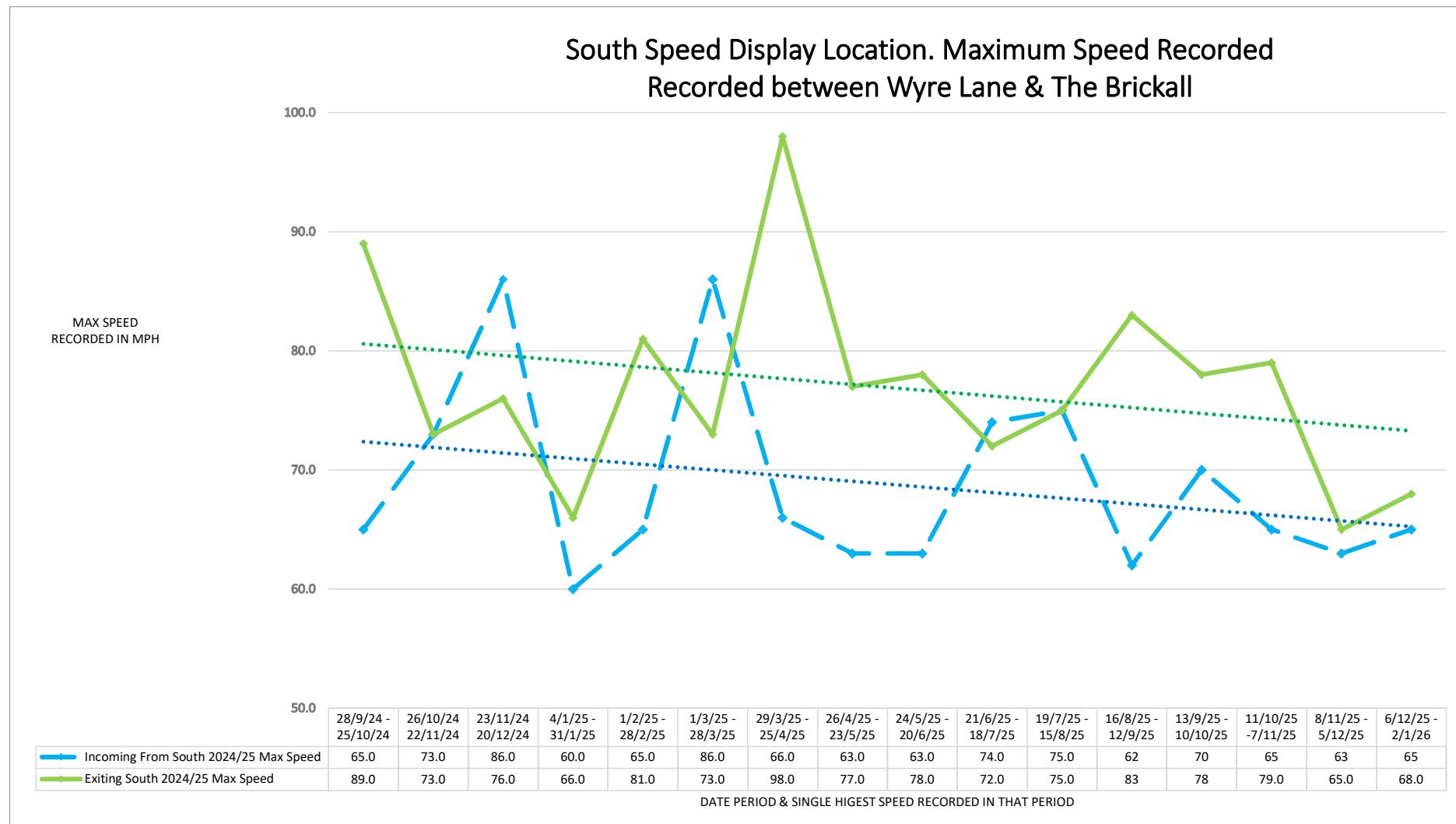
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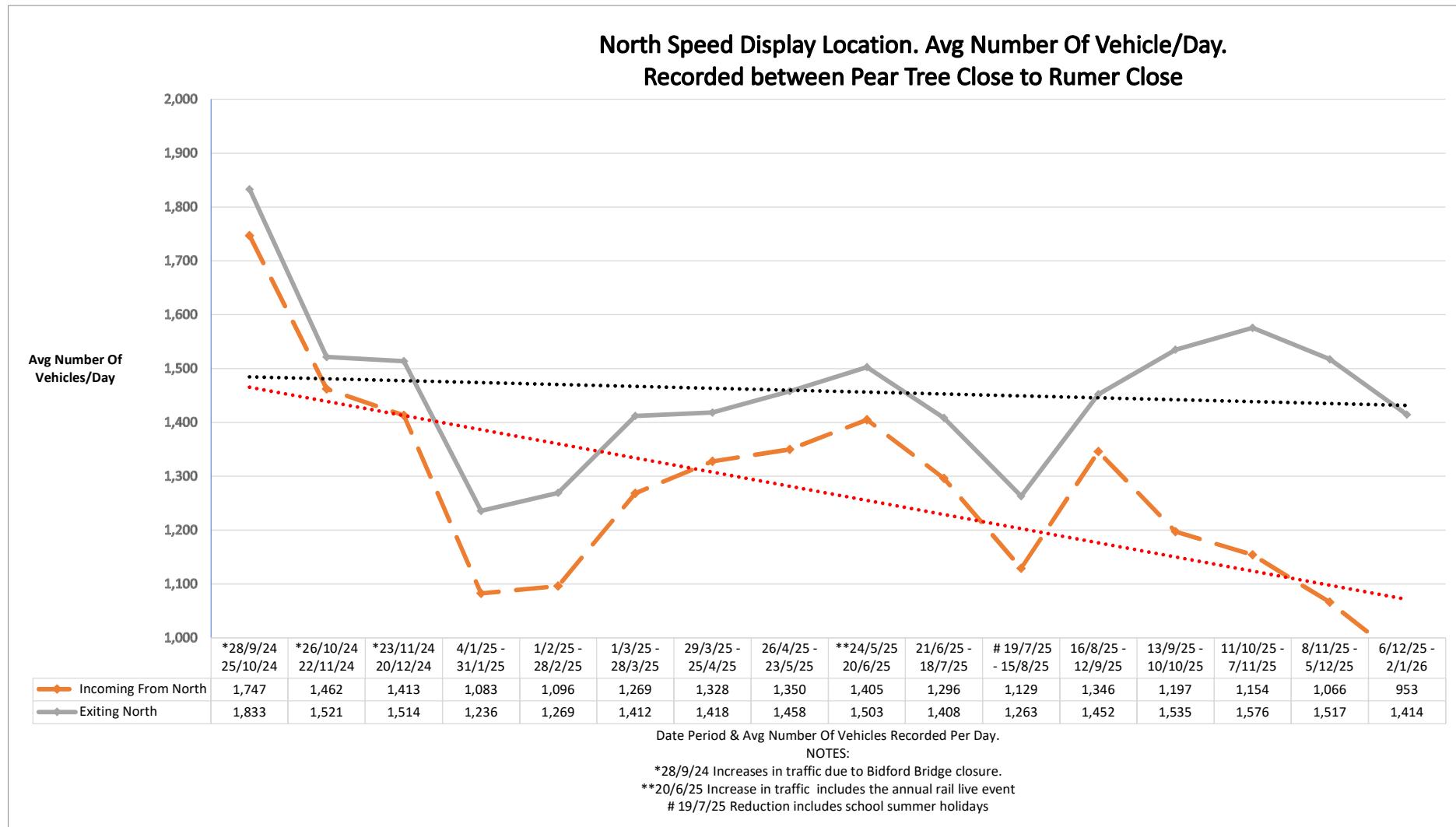
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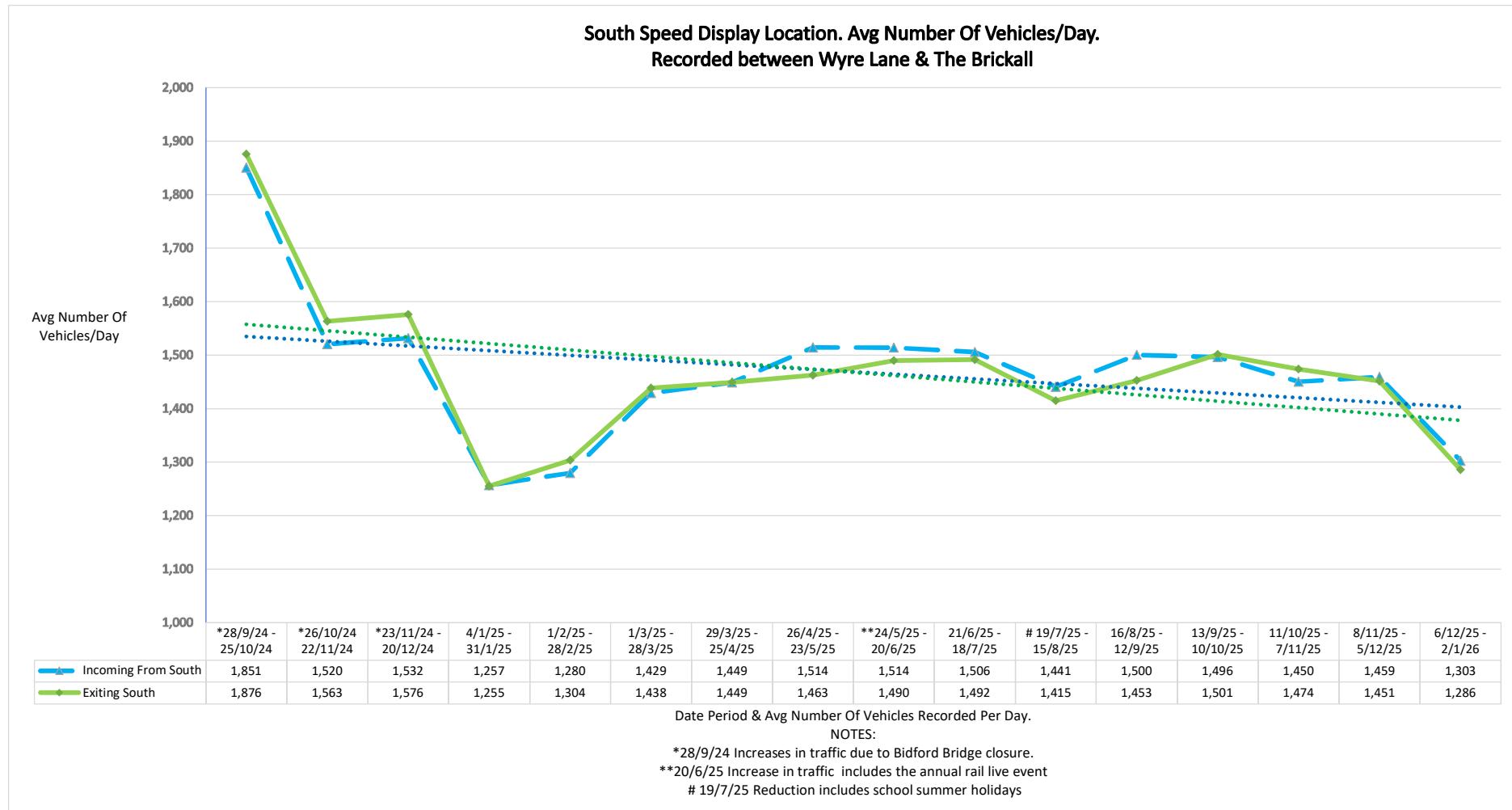
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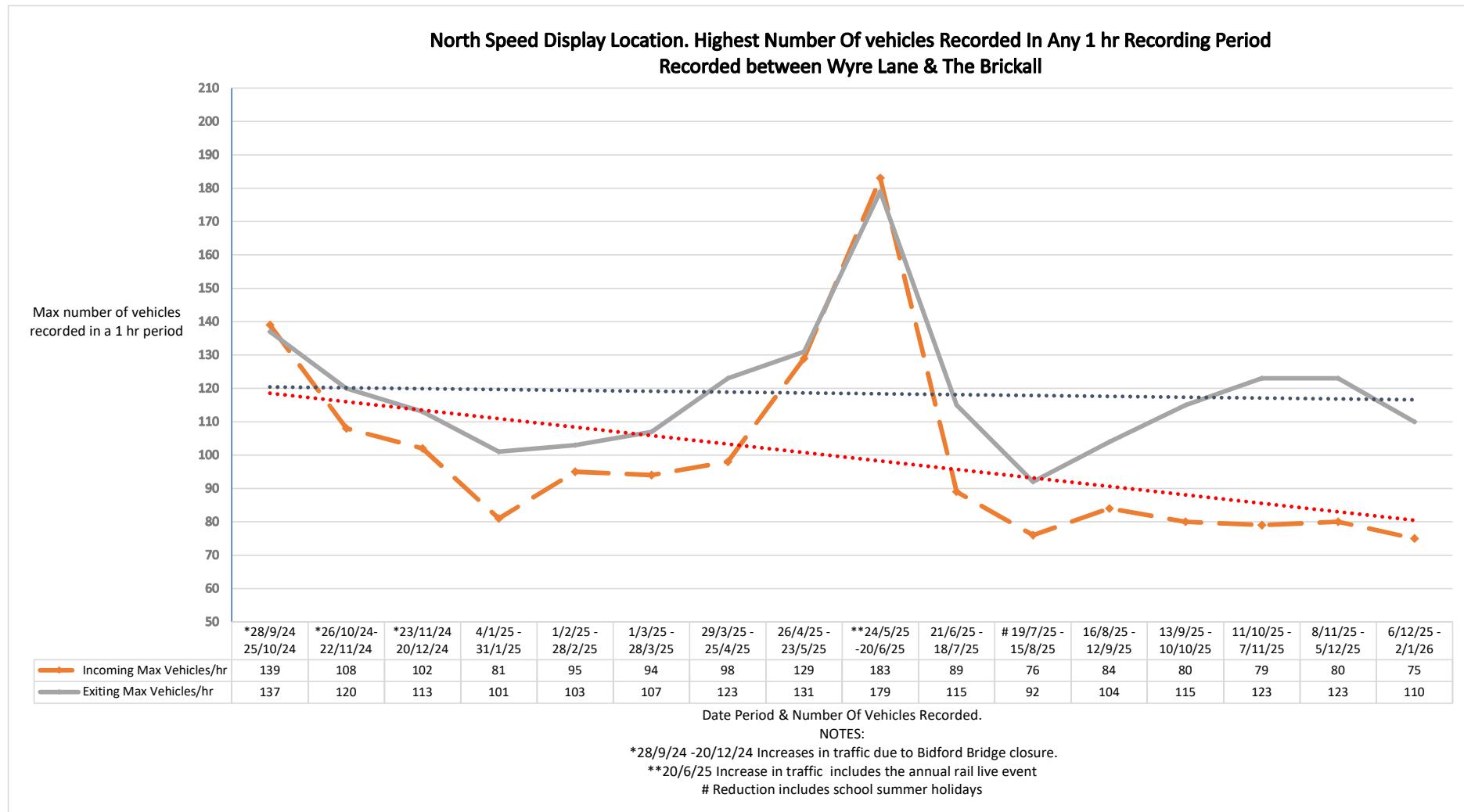
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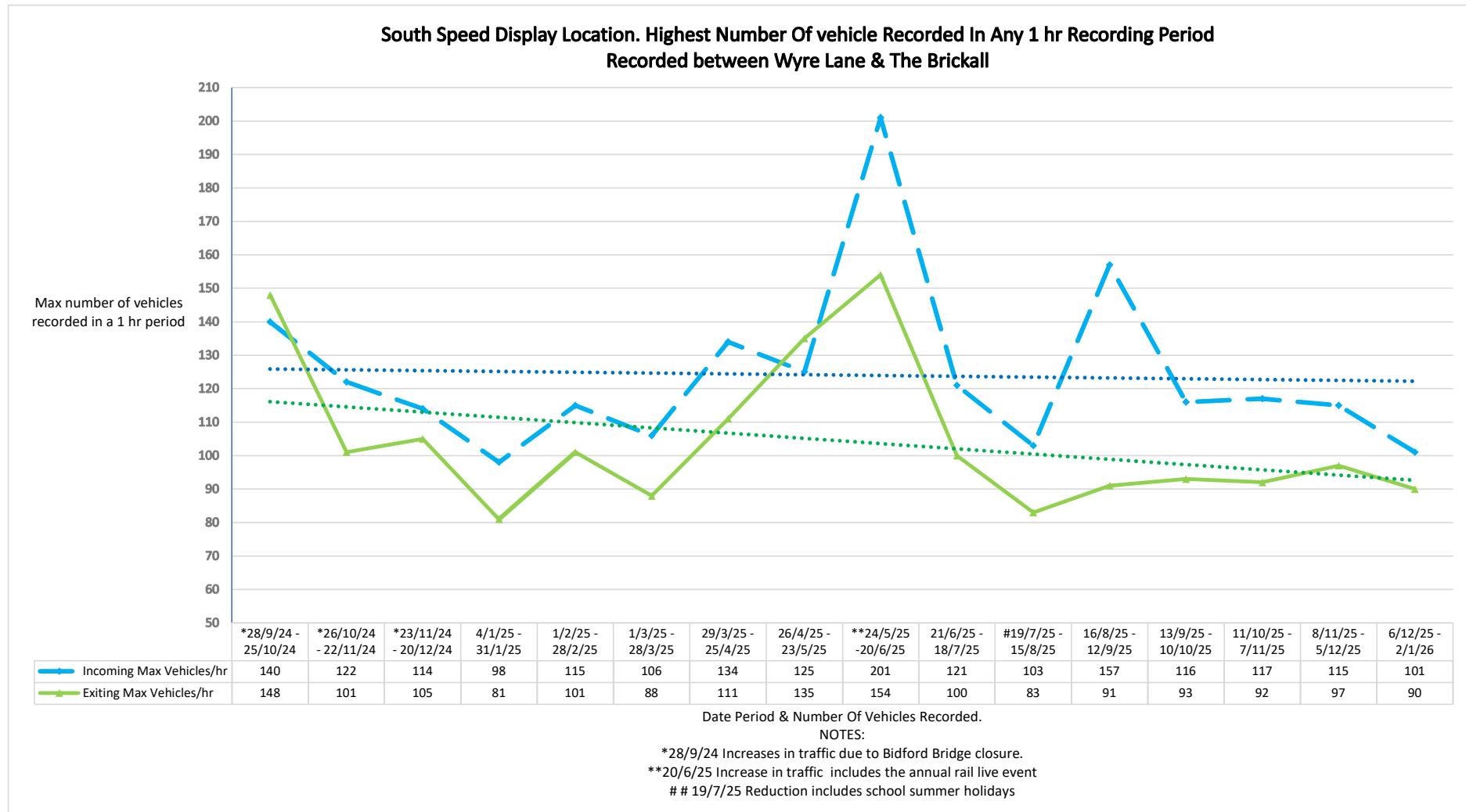
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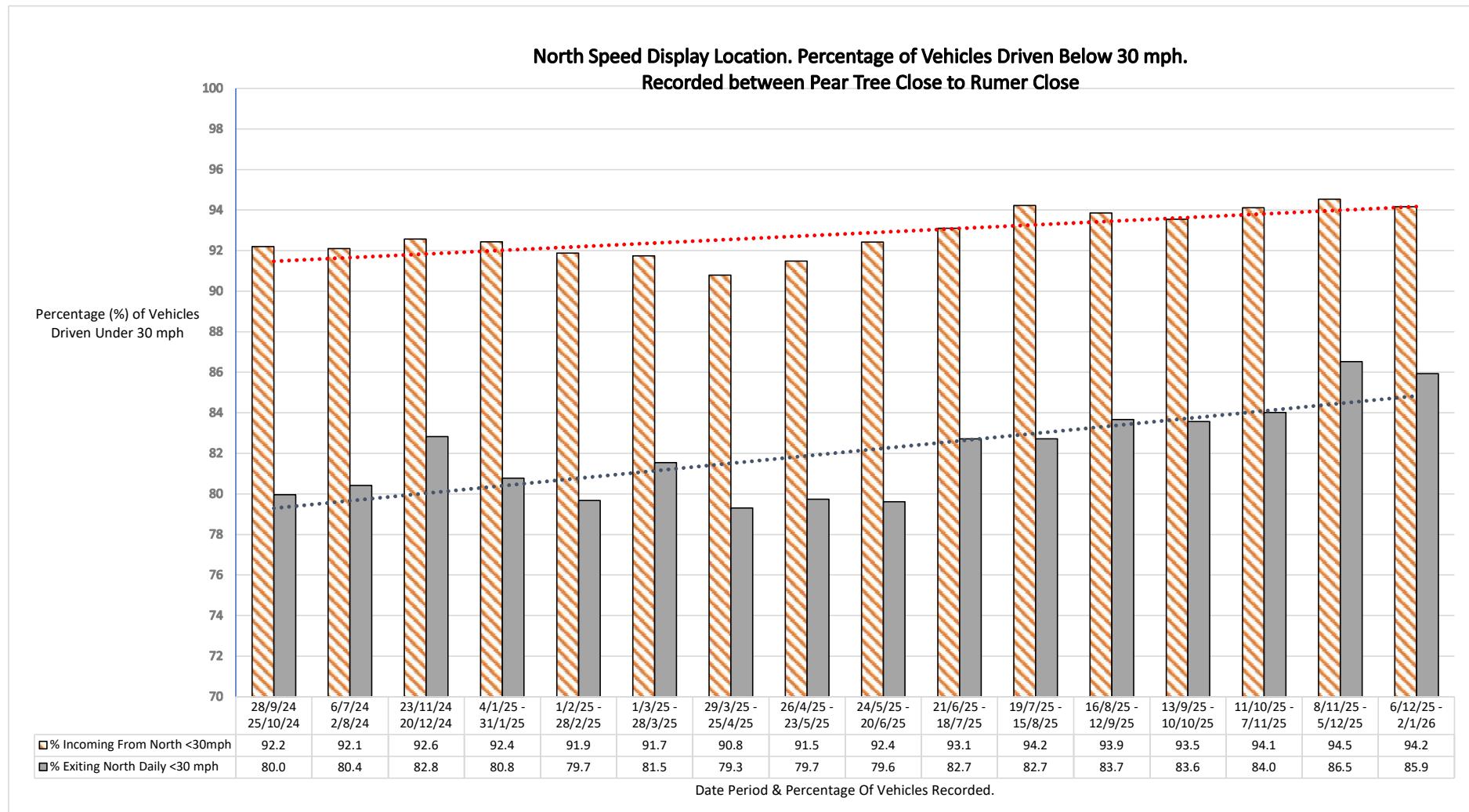
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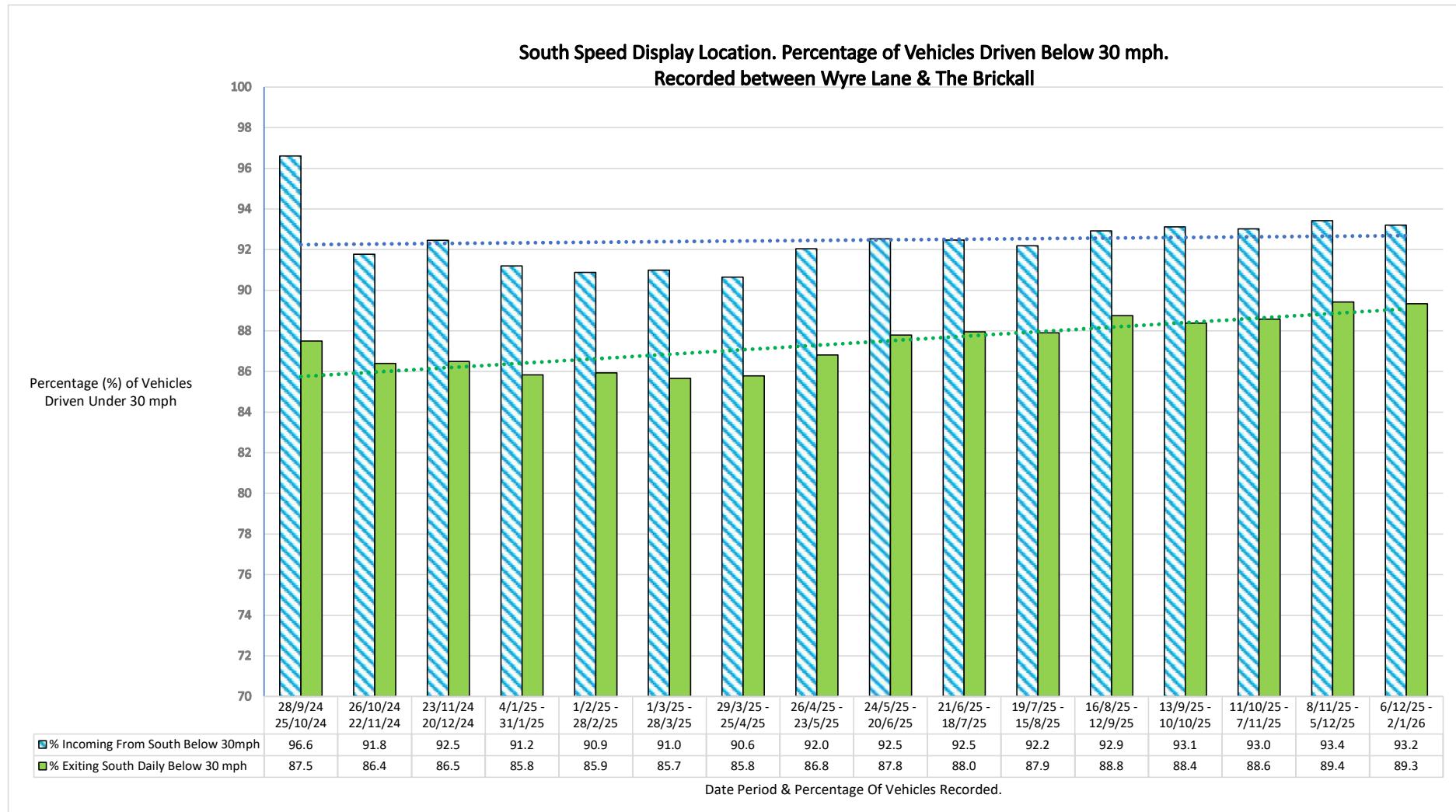
PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES BELOW 30MPH (Trends shows by the dotted lines)

The north incoming and outgoing trend chart show positive trends with more vehicles being driven within the 30mph speed limit over the 12- months charting period.



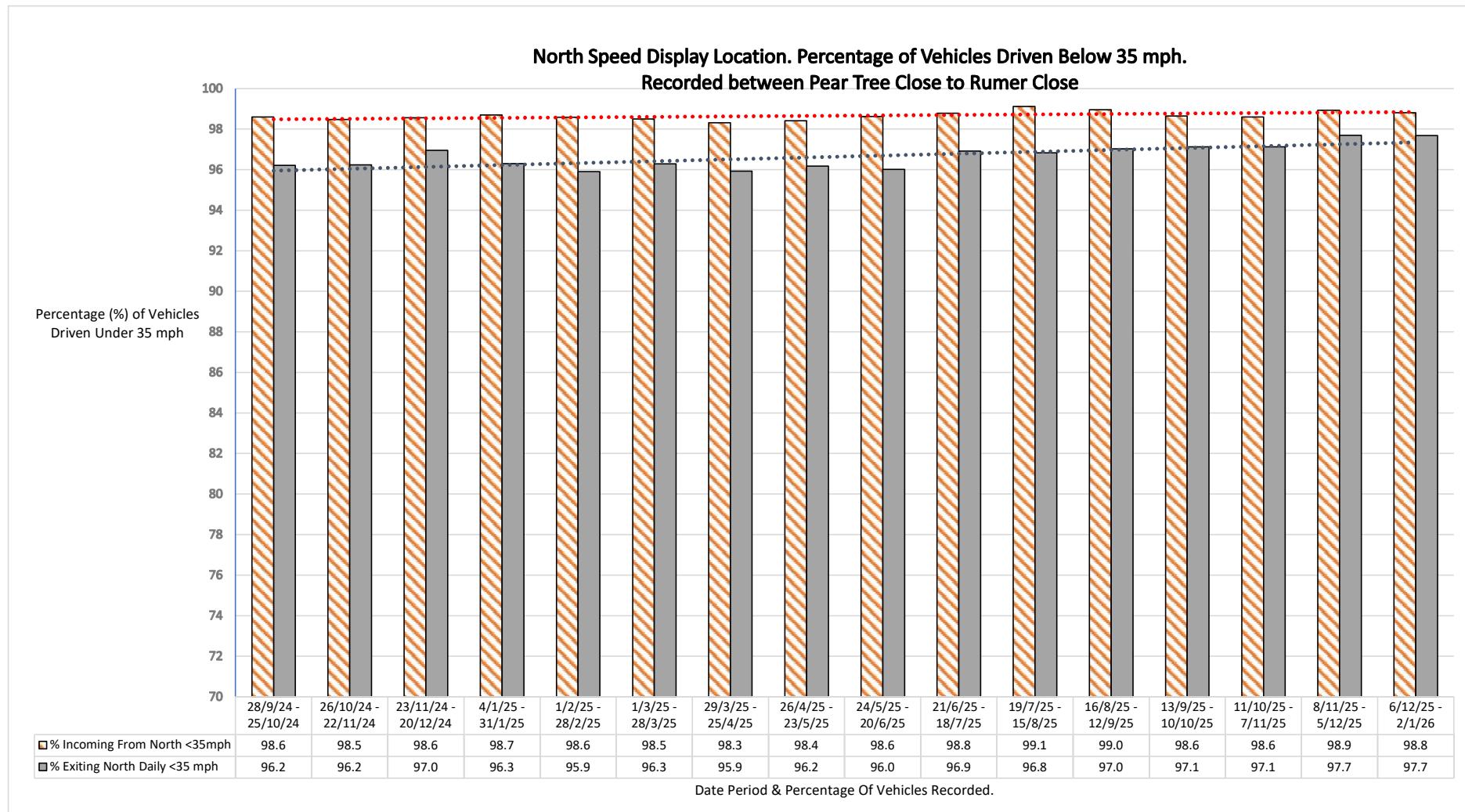
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The reason for the lower percentage of exiting vehicles being within the 30mph range (when compared to the incoming percentage) is because the outgoing vehicles do not currently have to slow down to navigate any traffic calming build outs or the speed warning signs



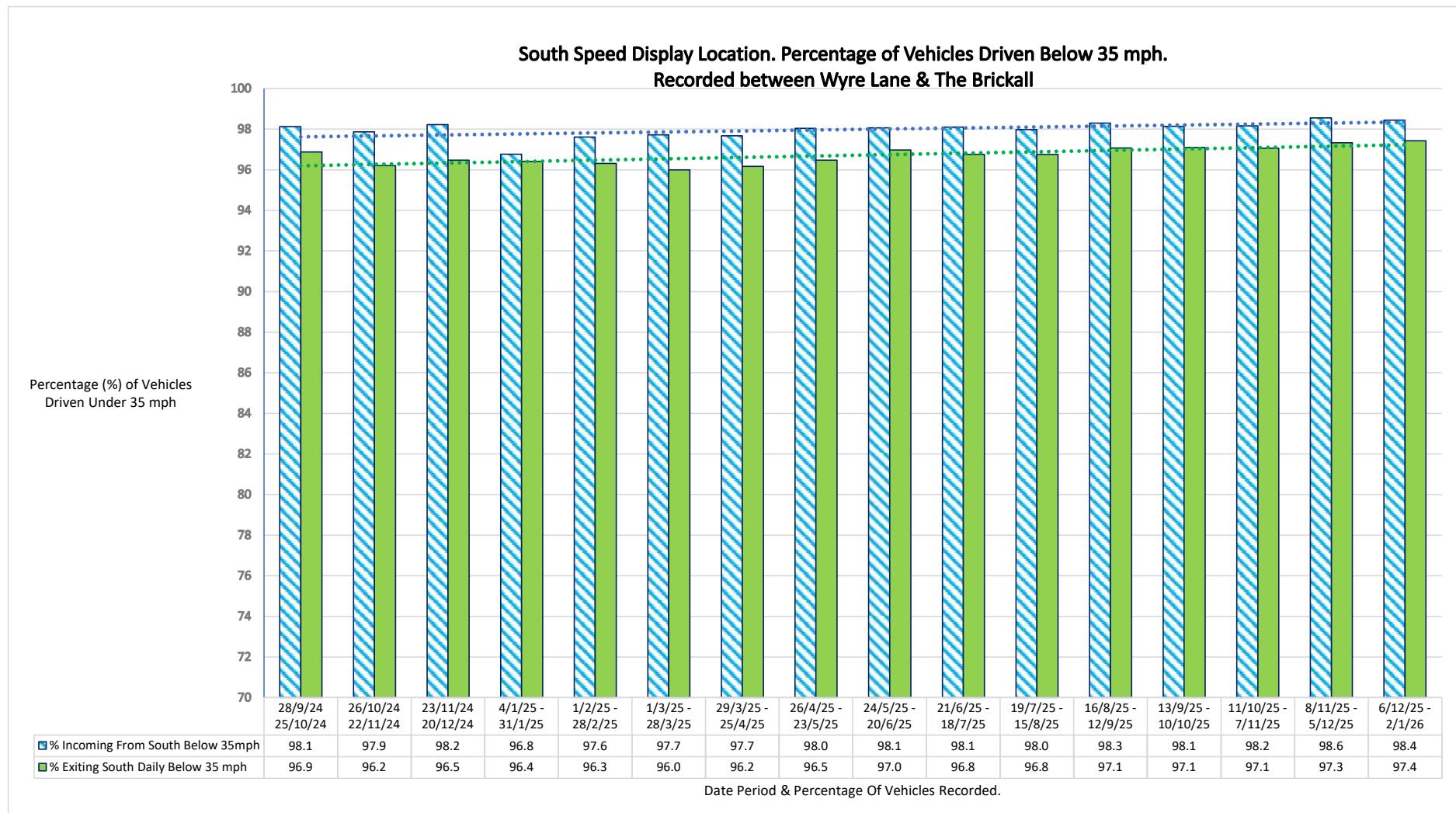
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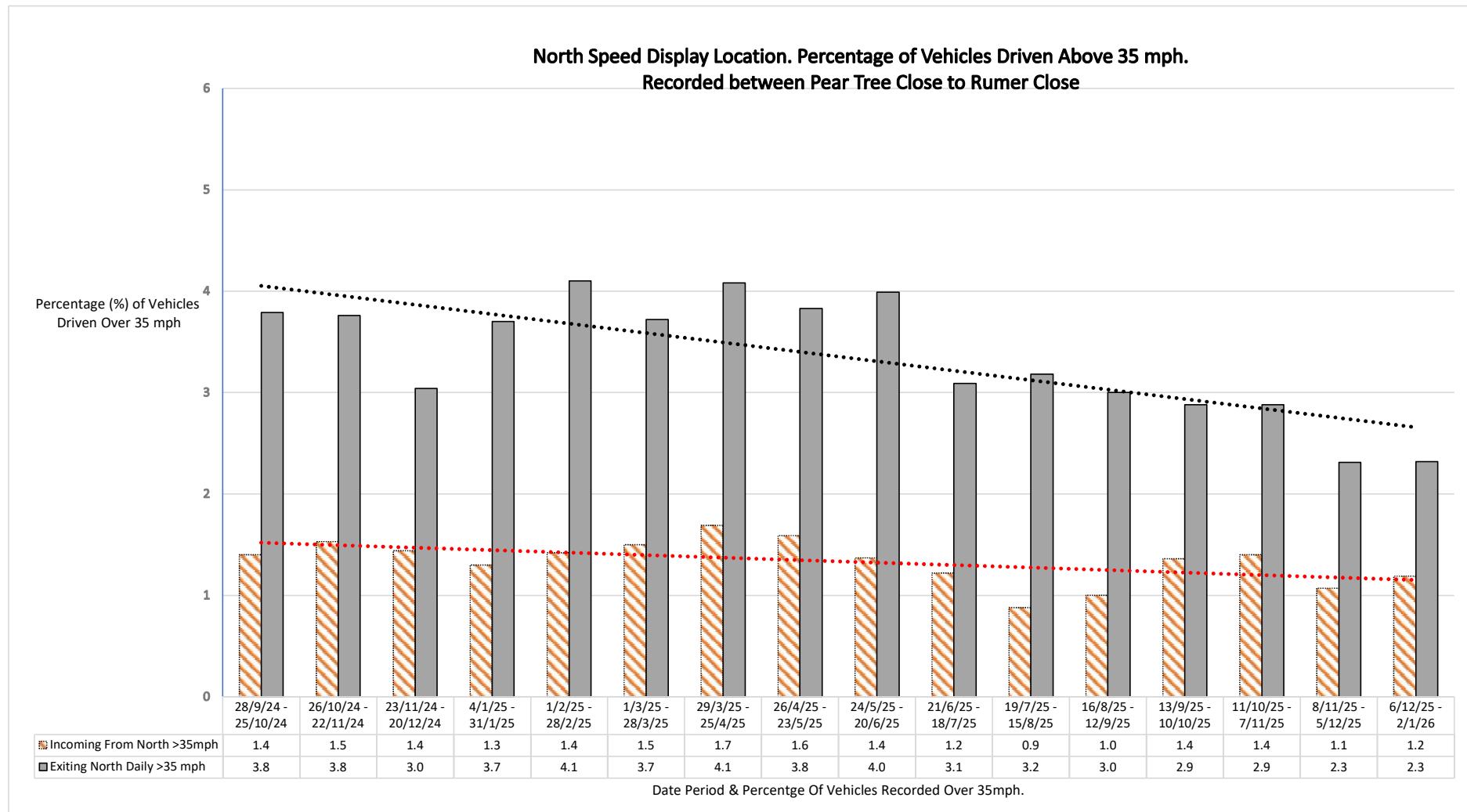
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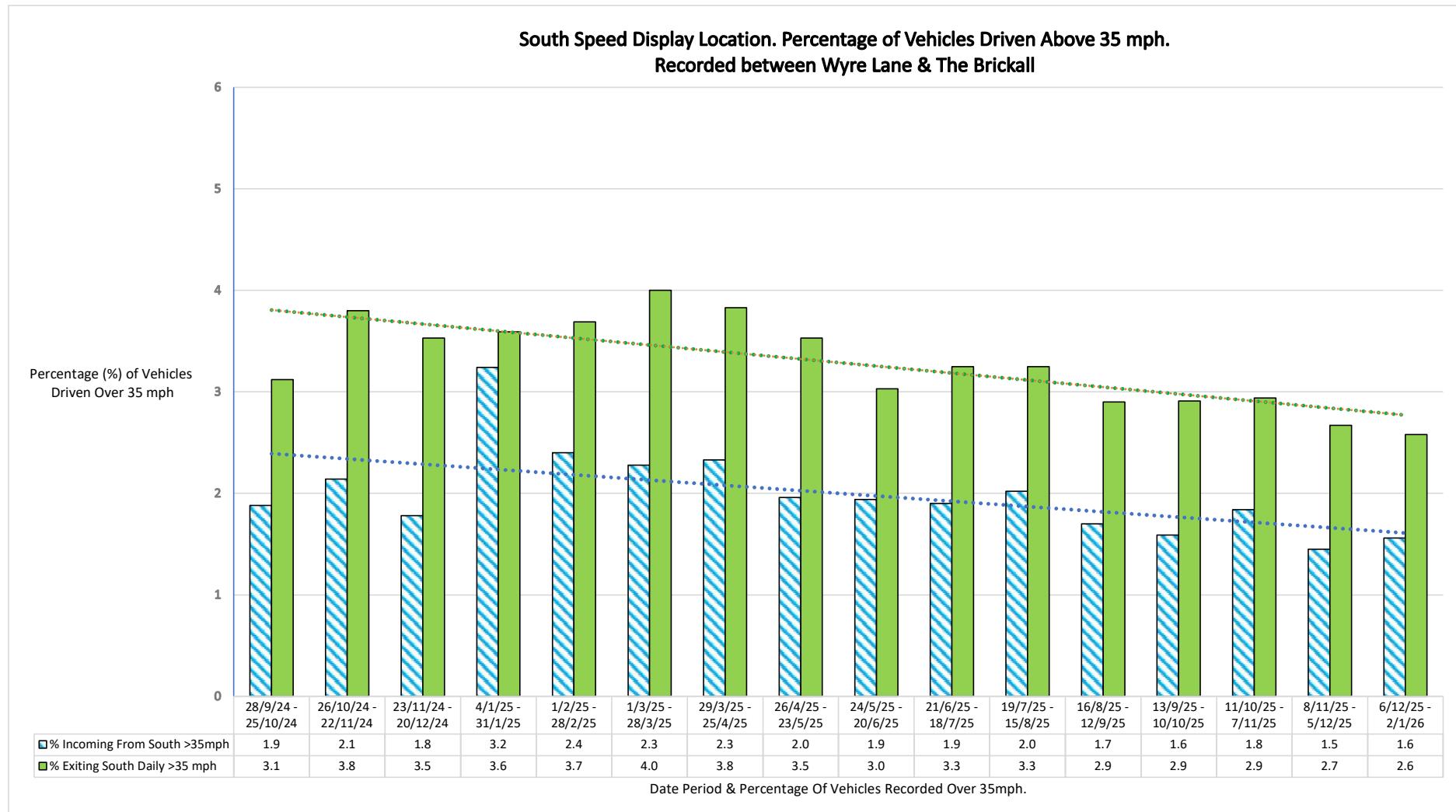
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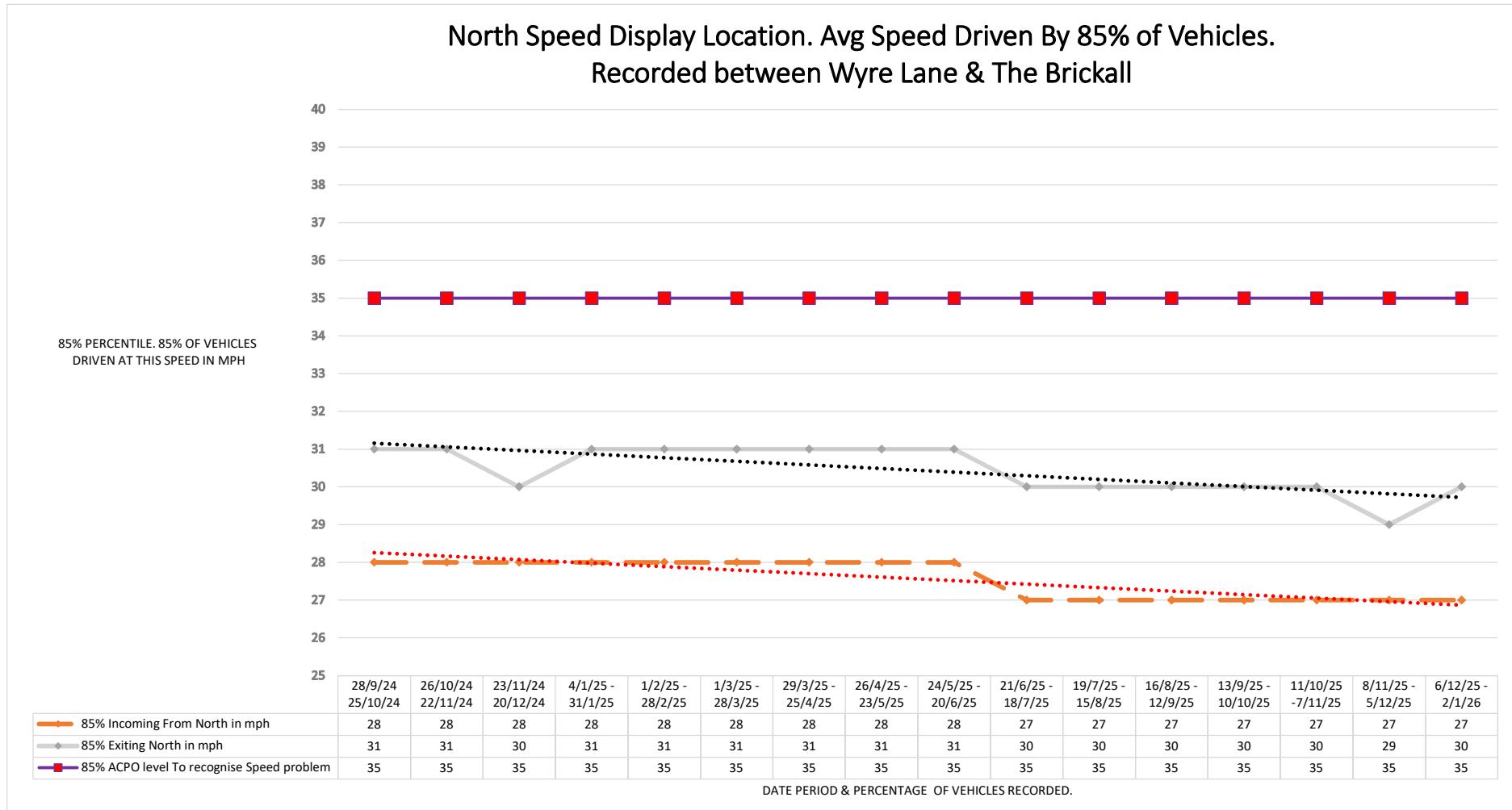
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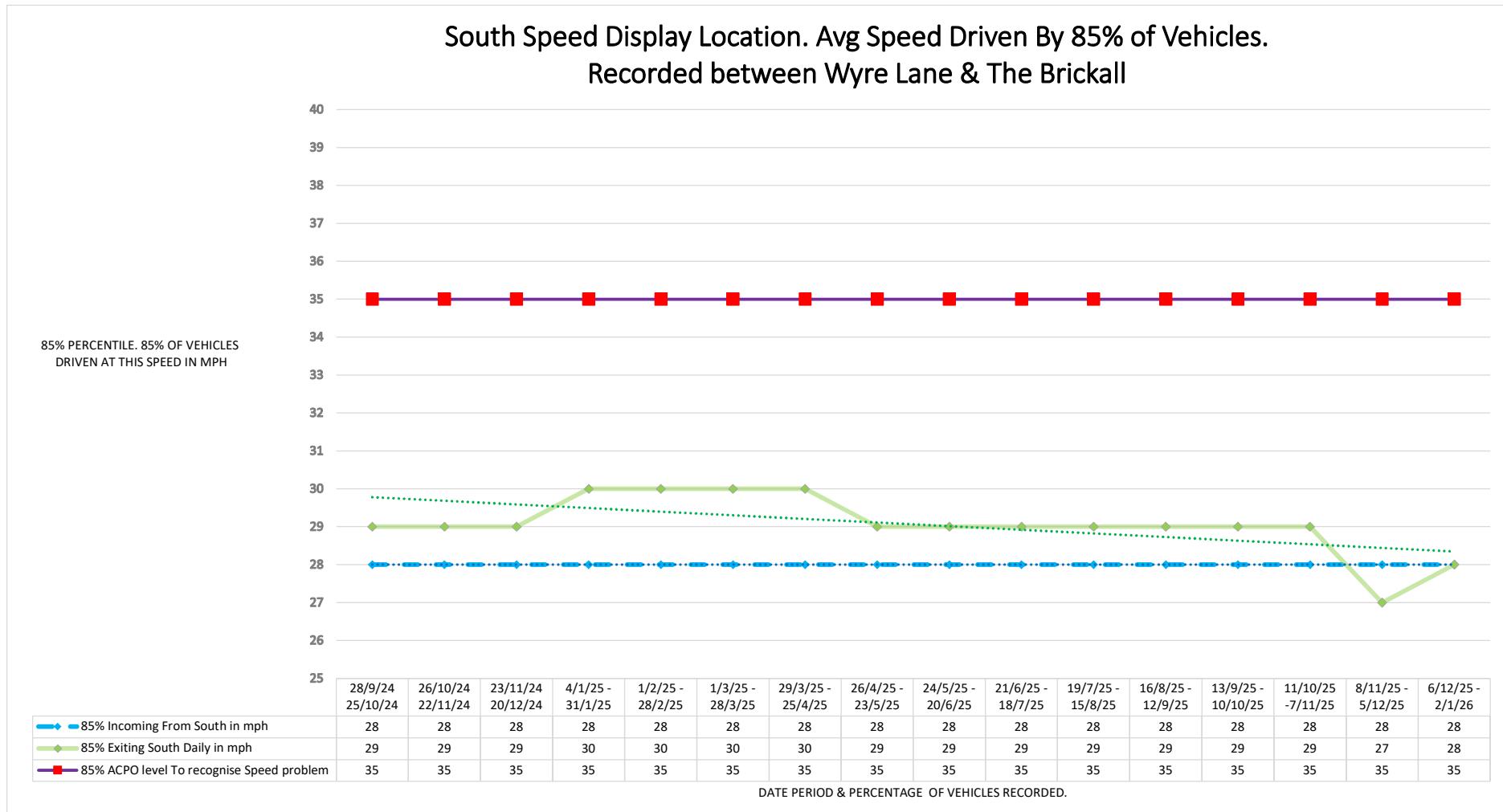
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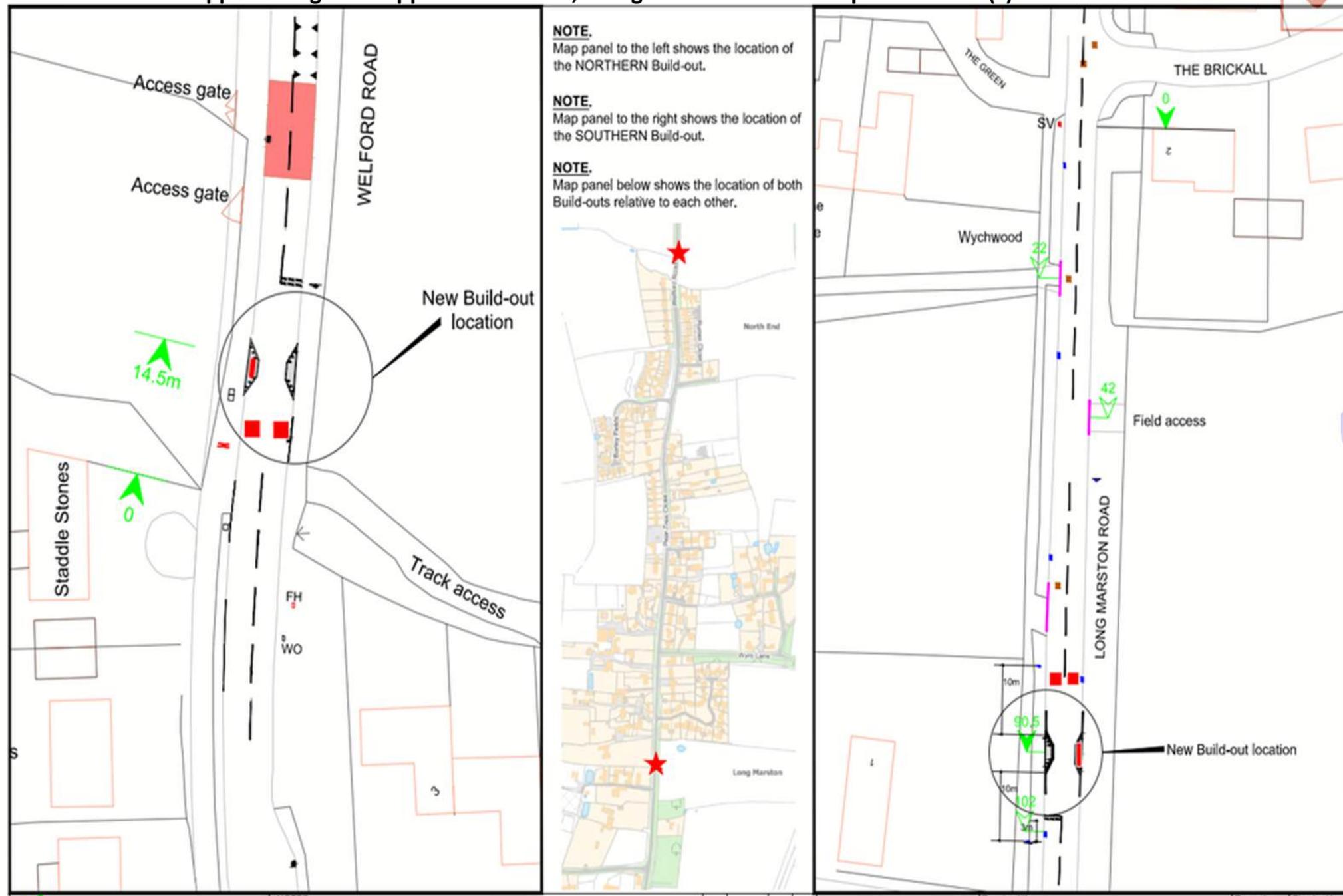


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Artists impression of 2 Additional Traffic Calming build outs to be added to existing 2 build outs to create a "Traffic Pinch Point" to slow both incoming and outgoing traffic through the village. To deter vehicles from driving through the pinch point at speed if no vehicles are approaching from opposite direction, a single or double raised speed cushion(s) will need to be included.



Who decides if a speed or road problem even exists and needs addressing in Long Marston?

It's important to know that Warwickshire CC have sole authority to evaluate, decide, approve or install any traffic calming measure on Warwickshire CC highways.

Parish Councils, Town Councils, community groups or any type of financial sponsor are prohibited from installing any traffic calming measures, they can only ask WCC.

WCC VAS policy states any new or replacement VAS units will only be considered IF the area demonstrates it meets or exceeding ALL 4 of the criteria below:

- 1. 3 year Personal Injury collision weighted score must be 5 or greater, within 200m
- 2. 15% of recorded speeds must be OVER 35mph. (ACPO 30mph +10% +2 = 35mph)
(LM is around 3%-5% since the introduction of Build-outs and VAS units)
- 3. More than 3,000 vehicles per day (in 24hrs) pass through the village
- 4. Environmental score min 5 (within 200m of proposed location).
(LM score is likely just 2, for crossing outside the village hall)