

Road and pavement safety improvement

Objective: To familiarise the committee with a radical plan linked to the HEAT Project and to set out concerns the planning committee may wish to consider or request answers to as a consultee to Wiltshire Council.

Background: Greg Condliffe, in his capacity as Chair of Harnham Neighbourhood Council and as an architect/urban designer, has been discussing the Harnham Gyratory proposals with Chris Hilldrup from Highways England. He has prepared sketches of his ideas. John Glen and some planning team leaders are aware of these discussions. Greg has been asked by Parvis Kansari to review the current proposals.

Key Points for Consideration:

1. Safety Concerns:

Issue: Safety is a major consideration, especially for cyclists and pedestrians. The current proposals have deficiencies in this area.

Question: Can these safety deficiencies be eliminated?

2. Ownership of Open Space:

Issue: Ownership of the open space around the roundabouts is critical for design options. Greg was informed that this issue is too complex and expensive.

Question: Who owns the open space around the roundabouts, and how can this issue be resolved?

3. Coombe Road Improvement:

- **Issue:** There is a housing proposal for 310 homes that impacts Coombe Road.
- **Question:** How can Coombe Road be improved in light of this housing proposal?

4. Approval of Road Proposals:

- **Issue:** There is uncertainty about the approval timeline of the road proposals in relation to the latest housing plan inquiry.
- **Question:** Will the road proposals be approved prior to the latest proposed housing plan inquiry?

5. Government Grant Utilisation:

Issue: There is a £20M government grant for three junctions that might be sent back as not needed.

Questions:

- Why is the current scheme advised as insufficient at £3M?
- What is the stated Treasury explanation that it did not meet cost-benefit criteria without a plan and outline costings?

6. Cost-Benefit Analysis:

Issue: Clarification is needed on what is considered a cost-benefit in the proposal.

Question: Does the cost-benefit analysis include factors such as emergency access to the hospital, cost of accidents, safer cycling, safe routes to school, pollution reduction, improving the ambiance of the southern gateway to our historic city, and potential tourism benefits?

Attachments Below: Seven pictures prepared by Greg Condliffe illustrating his proposals and concerns.

Action Required: The committee is requested to review these points and consider the concerns raised. Additionally, it may be necessary to seek further information or clarification from relevant authorities to ensure comprehensive evaluation and decision-making.





