Summary of Comments and Objections Felpham: Summerley Lane Junction Improvements and amendments to pedestrian crossing on Felpham Way

Comments

Felpham Parish Councillor: The crossing should be located on the other side of Summerley Lane so people can safely access the bus stop.

The Firs Avenue Junction with Felpham Way has a blind spot and people do not always look when crossing. Drivers use this route to avoid Downview Road. Drivers often fail to give way at roundabouts causing problems when traffic is heavy. Drivers often fail to see the indicators of people turning from Felpham Way into Firs Avenue.

Arun District Ward Member: Changes to the junction are completely unnecessary. Many residents have raised this issue and feel that due to the relief road traffic is now much lighter and the junction is not a problem. The scheme should be revisited – public opinion is that potholes should take priority rather than wasting money on unnecessary 'improvements'.

Arun District Councillor: Residents in Summerley Lane are very concerned that the installation of a roundabout is a waste of public money.

Since the crossing is installed at its current location and traffic was lessened by the relief road access onto Felpham Way is not a problem.

Money from this scheme should be spent where it's needed, such as Comet corner.

Resident of Felpham Way: With the bypass Felpham Way carries far less traffic. The Summerley Lane junction should have STOP markings, not a roundabout.

Visibility for traffic exiting Summerley Lane is restricted but the current pedestrian crossing slows traffic and improves safety for

Engineer's Response

It should be noted that pedestrians also access the petrol station shop and other shops to the east. Due to the proximity of the Firs Avenue junction, a relocated crossing to the west would need to be much further west. The existing refuge island will be refurbished and widened as a part of these works. Therefore these proposed changes will provide assistance to pedestrians crossing either to the east or to the west.

The features will be designed to give the best possible visibility for all road users and the introduction of the mini roundabout will reduce vehicles speeds in the vicinity.

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pedestrians. Adding in a roundabout will confuse drivers and make the current arrangement worse.

Objects to the extra cost this scheme involves, a 20 mph speed limit is planned for Felpham so a new mini roundabout is completely stupid.

Resident of Manor Copse: The scheme is a waste of scarce funds as there is no issue exiting Summerley Lane. All the roundabout will do is encourage people to drive through Felpham village itself where speeding is already a problem.

Traffic speeds and the pending traffic calming scheme needs to be sorted first.

The use of STOP signs would not have addressed the local concern about queueing in Summerley Lane.

The plans for the 20mph limit have not yet been finalised, but it is unlikely to be applied to Felpham Way as this is the main road through the area.

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There is a risk that some drivers will choose a different route, depending on their start point and destination, however the likely quantity and impact is not considered to be significant. This will be particularly so if the existing delays here are already small, as the objector contends.

Resident of Felpham Way: Respondent has to cross this junction daily and finds this proposal a totally irresponsible use of public funds. Ten years ago a roundabout may have been justified but since the relief road opened there is no problem at the junction.

Money would be far better spent fixing seven collapsing manholes in nearby roads and tramlines developing round the Tesco roundabout.

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Residents of Old Manor House Gardens: As local residents the scheme seems a complete waste of taxpayers' money which could be spent in easing traffic problems at Comet

Since the new bypass was completed traffic on Felpham Way has been eased considerably. The proposal needs to be reconsidered.

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