

Dorney Parish Council



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Dear Jack,

Court Lane, Dorney: Mini Roundabout

Dorney Parish Council discussed this project at our meeting last night, having reviewed the assessment from the Dorney Traffic Working Group (DTWG), the attached reports from Transport for Bucks and an independent report from John Russell, Motion.

We also noted the comments on safety in the Beeches Community Board Funding Report on the project, dated 18th November 2020:

Project Summary

To improve road safety at the junction of Lake End Road, Village Road and Court Lane in Dorney, by replacing the staggered junction with a roundabout.

How does the project address local priorities?

Infrastructure & Highways: This project would improve road safety in this location, which would align with

the Community Board's priority for Infrastructure & Highways.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

Strengthening Our Communities and Protecting the Vulnerable: This project would make the junction safer for all road users.

Community Board Coordinator comments

This project represents an excellent opportunity to secure a significant road safety improvement at a relatively low cost to the Community Board.

It appears from the DTWG assessment conclusions, based on the three professional reports, that it may be possible that serious safety risks have been identified and may not have been satisfactorily mitigated, thus possibly resulting in the proposed mini-roundabout being less safe than the original T junction. This is particularly addressed to the identified increased risk of collisions for boat trailers and HGVs, both of which are heavy users of this junction in order to access to and egress from Dorney Lake.

Clearly, given all of our responsibilities to the safety of residents and road users, this raises a potentially serious situation which, until carefully examined, inevitably leads us to difficult decisions about proceeding with this project.

Dorney Parish Council therefore resolved, at our meeting last night, to recommend that Bucks Council stops any planned construction work on the mini-roundabout until these issues are satisfactorily resolved with Dorney Parish Council.

Furthermore, Dorney Parish Council resolved that we will withhold our £5,000 contribution to the project pending such resolution.

We are asking George Sandy, County Councillor, who knows the history of the project to assist us with such resolution.

We would ask you to also help us to reach a satisfactory conclusion urgently to this long-standing issue through a careful consideration of the relevant facts. The current temporary arrangement has outlived its usefulness now the Marsh Lane and Lake End Road bridges are operational.

We would also be grateful if you could advise the relevant parties in Transport for Bucks of our decisions.

Very many thanks

Yours sincerely,

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