

# Dorney Parish Council



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Dear Jack,

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## **Court Lane Dorney: Mini Roundabout**

Thank you for your letter of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021. We note the following points made in your letter:

*"Whether the proposed mini roundabout can be assessed as being more safe [than the original T junction] is hard to say.....so the change in junction control from a T junction to a mini roundabout is not being undertaken on safety grounds."*

We were somewhat surprised at these comments, given the following statements in the Beeches Funding Report of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 regarding the purpose of the new roundabout:

*"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."*

*"This project would improve road safety in this location, which would align with the Community Board's priority for Infrastructure & Highways."*

*"This project would make the junction safer for all road users."*

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

However, we do appreciate your statement: *"If Dorney Parish Council, as the applicants behind this scheme, remain unsatisfied and do not wish to proceed with the current design then the project will be halted, and Highways England will be asked not to commence construction. We will not implement a design which does not have the support of the Parish Council."*

As the Parish Council represents the residents, we do feel that, given the intense interest in this project, we need to determine whether residents would prefer either a new mini roundabout or to reinstate the original T junction. To this end we are planning, during the first week of July, to conduct a survey of all residents asking that very question – which do they prefer? The Parish Council will be guided by their response.

We hope to be able to get back to you by the middle of July with a definitive answer to this question. Should the majority request be to reinstate the original T-junction we would require confirmation from Bucks that this will be done as soon as possible as the current arrangement is unsatisfactory and was originally only installed whilst works to the Marsh Lane and Lake End Bridges were under construction.

Yours sincerely,

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