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**MEETING WITH GREAT WYMONDLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**AN UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR BRINDLEY**

Councillor Brindley will give a brief update to the Committee on the details of a meeting held with Great Wymondley Parish Council on 14 July 2008.

Appendix 1 Notes prepared by Councillor Brindley regarding the meeting held with Great Wymondley Parish Council on 14 July 2008



21 July 2008

## **Meeting with Gt Wymondley Parish Council, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

### **In attendance**

GW Parish councillors and Parish clerk  
District Cllrs Tom Brindley and Sal Jarvis  
District and County Cllr Richard Thake  
Members of the public

### **Background**

At the meeting of the Southern Rural Area Committee, Great Wymondley Parish Council extended an invitation to the Chairman and Vice chairman to attend a special meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Barnard was unable to attend. Cllr Brindley attended together with Cllr Thake (in both his capacity and Portfolio Holder Transport and Planning and as the local County Councillor).

The following are the brief notes taken by Cllr Brindley at this meeting

#### **1. Little Wymondley**

Chicanes Cause delay in heavy traffic, do nothing to slow vehicles in light traffic. Badly designed. Unlike Digswell, chicane is central to road making it hard to determine which direction has to give way. In Digswell, side that gives way has to drive round kerb.

#### **2. Titmore Green, Red Coats Green**

Can this stretch be 30 mph? It becomes 30mph at Todds Green, why not Redcoats Green and St Ippolyts? Very dangerous mornings, evenings and daytime. Frequent accidents and near misses, probably not reported. Cyclists don't use the route because it is too dangerous.

#### **3. Arch Rd**

Bridge is dangerous for pedestrians, The pavement is too narrow for a double buggy meaning pedestrians have to walk in the road.

#### **4. Great Wymondley**

A traffic survey showed 1400 cars per hour in the morning rush hour. This makes it impossible for residents to get out of their driveways.

#### **5. Sainsbury's traffic lights**

Concern that phasing causes jams back to Corey's Mill roundabout and consequently makes it impossible to emerge from Little Wymondley onto roundabout and motorway.

## **6. Ashbrook junction with A602**

This should be a roundabout to allow traffic from Great/Little Wymondley St Ipolyts to emerge.

## **7. Priory Road**

Needs a white hazard line. May be that road is too narrow for hazard line.

## **8. Travel Lodge**

8.1 New sign for Travel Lodge (was Blakemore Thistle)

Does this have planning permission?

8.2 The road passed the Travel Lodge has 30 mph painted on it but the speed limit is national. Is there a TRO to effect a change here? If so, when will it cut-in?

## **9. Stevenage Road, Great Wymondley**

9.1 Lots of potholes. When will it be resurfaced? Cyclists are particularly vulnerable. Road surface is slippery. Cllr Thake commented he was trying to get funds allocated under safety budget.

9.2 Can we have rumble strips on approach to 30mph section?

9.3 Can we have a speed limit at 20 mph?

## **10. Request for gateway features**

Cllr Brindley described the Travel Plan that evolved from the Codicote Parish Plan and the consequent improvements in village entire, pedestrian crossings and safety zones. Residents were encouraged to complete the GW parish plan and to include a travel plan.

## **11. Cycling proficiency**

Concern that drivers ignore trainers, even in fluorescent jackets.

## **12. Footpaths and cycle ways**

12.1 How can we get a footpath from Great Wymondley to Hitchin?

12.2 How do we get a cycle way from Hitchin to Stevenage?

## **Next Steps**

Cllr Brindley agreed to report back to the Southern Rural Area Committee with a view to upward referral to the Highways JMP.

Cllr Tom Brindley MISTC ADI (car)