

Agenda Item 4 – Feb Meeting

Traffic Issues following Exceat Project To be debated with Cllr Shing present.

Potential increases in traffic volumes were highlighted by 2 residents at the January meeting. A plan for safety and speed control was requested.

The e-mail below was sent from Cllr Greaves to Cllr Shing in advance of the last meeting and I have contacted Cllr Shing to ensure he is aware that it will be revisited in February along with a suggestion of 3-way traffic lights at the Jevington Rd junction.

There is considerable concern in the village about traffic volumes on the A259 once the two-way bridge at the Cuckmere river has been completed.

At the moment the traffic lights at the Cuckmere Inn result in traffic coming through to Friston Hill in batches. This allows traffic wishing to exit from Jevington Road, Windmill Lane and Crowlink Lane to move out onto the A259 (in either direction) relatively easily whatever the time of day. The same applies to pedestrians wishing to cross the road on foot in either direction - although this can be tricky at times and requires people to be fairly speedy and aware to ensure safety.

We are however concerned that once the two-way bridge is opened traffic volumes will increase and there will be difficulty for traffic exiting Jevington Road, Windmill Lane and Crowlink Lane because there will not be any breaks in the traffic flow. Pedestrians will face much greater difficulty crossing the road and we fear that a fatality is inevitable if nothing is done to improve safety at this point.

It seems that a roundabout will be required at the location of the grass triangles and some sort of a crossing will be necessary for pedestrian safety. Speed control measures will be essential.

At the next ED&F Parish Council meeting on Thursday 8th January Mr Laurance Ryan will be attending to raise a question regarding this issue.

I suspect that the Parish Council will share these concerns and ask you as our County Councillor to pursue this in order to make this location safer for drivers and pedestrians. We know that ESCC has significant problems with their budget but the knock-on effects of the 'improved' replacement bridge will undoubtedly impact on safety.

Proposal: To debate the issue with Cllr Shing regarding potential traffic controls in the Crowlink Lane area or in the village centre.

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