

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FOR
HARLOW LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL
Thursday, 14 January 2016 at 7.00 pm
Council Chamber, Civic Centre**

The attached document is due to be considered at the meeting listed above.

4. Public questions (Pages 2 - 3)

HARLOW LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – 14 JANUARY 2016 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Question from Malkin Drive Resident, Harlow

Directly outside my property is a small cobbled speed reducer. I have been advised that the Harlow Local Highways Panel approved its removal in March 2015.

1. I oppose the removal as it is on a bend where the road widens so forces cars to slow and drive on the left rather than up the middle of the street. The road is very parked up and this is wider than the rest of the road and cars do pick up speed. I live on the inside of the bend and me and my neighbours front doors open onto the road. My children could easily run out into the road. Also access to my driveway is on the bend, I have to pull off slowly as I can't see around the bend. The speed reducer means cars come around slower. The neighbours opposite live on the outside of the bend so have a much wider view of the road (the opposite to me and my neighbours i.e. can see fully around a sweeping bend) they also have driveways in front of their houses so are not directly on the road. The removal would make the road wider thus increasing the number of cars allowed to park on the already congested road. I feel that the calmer is there to prevent hazards; it is not a hazard itself. I would rather it be repaired and the bollards be replaced.
2. How can such a decision be made without consulting the households it would affect? No one has yet officially informed me of any impending work. It seems unfair that it will be removed without full neighbours support. I hope there is no accident on the road but I fear it may well happen.

Questions from Mr Kevin Tucker, on behalf of Harlow Common Residents Forum

1. Potter Street speeding problems

One of our attendees has suggested that to reduce the problem of speeding though the area could a sign be installed at each end of London Road of the following type:- "Police Automatic number plate readers in operation in this area". Similar signs have been installed in the county above "Welcome to ESSEX" signs.

2. Clock Tower roundabout

The slip road entering into 2nd Avenue is the root cause of the blockage on the roundabout, once traffic has stalled on 2nd Avenue the whole roundabout is blocked. Between the hours of 7am-9.30am Potter Street becomes an island with no way out other than an up to 15-20 minute wait in a queue.

When is the stage 3 safety audit going to take place and will it be conducted at peak time?

3. Mark Hall roundabout

It would appear from the works that there is going to be 3 slip roads at this particular roundabout, in light of the problems that the slip roads at the Clock Tower & Burnt Mill cause, can more thought be given to traffic control on this particular roundabout?

Question from Mr Vic Potter, for the Priory Avenue Group

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Environmental Damage Old Harlow

A recent article in the Harlow Star (17 December) and a number of Planning Applications has made it evident that the building programme along Gilden Way is entering a new phase of activity

We (the Priory Avenue Group) have for some time been campaigning for the improvement of the environment in the Old Harlow area with better controls on speeding, traffic volumes, and parking. The Gilden Way project will seriously damage the environs unless some action is taken to restrict the 'rat run' through Mulberry Green, Old Road Priory Avenue and Hart Road.

Both Paul Bird (letter 15 Dec 2014) and David Sprunt (Highways Panel October 2015) have indicated to us that there is a need for such a plan but that it could be a year to 18 months away. Now that activity appears to be imminent we believe it to be vital to have a solution in place before the contractors lorries and subsequently residents of the new properties start to overwhelm the area.

Our Question is

How is the solution to the rat run problem coming along and will it be ready before serious work starts on the estate?

Vic Potter for the Priory Avenue Group

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