

Proposed Response to SCC Highways for Meeting on 6th February

In our last communication we informed you that in light of your response of 8th November we would be meeting with our advisors, Cotswold Transport Planning prior to writing back to you. Additionally in order to make progress as soon as practicable we have agreed a meeting for 6th February 2020 to discuss our thoughts which are detailed below.

According to CTP, in relation to the light controlled crossing under the bridge, build outs at locations 1 and 2 serve no purpose whatsoever. At location 3 the build out in their view provides a benefit and should be retained with some modifications. CTP does not think that at location 4 the build out provides any benefit as traffic is already calmed due to the natural narrowing of the road due to proximity to buildings and then by on - street parking closer to the crossing.

As a Parish Council we agree with this assessment and therefore would like to propose the following, which has been developed by CTP using appropriate guidelines.

Working from North to South.

Location 1 - Remove buildout. Remove central white lines. Provide edge of carriageway road markings 0.5m minimum from kerb line. Provide an 'entrance feature' in the centre of the carriageway such as a patch of granite setts or blocks to mark change of environment. Provide additional soft landscaping in eastern verge to break up forward visibility sight lines to help reduce speeds. Pedestrian crossing currently at the build out to be retained in the same location but returned to the original kerb line.

CTP suggests that this would cost approximately **£10,000**.

Additionally, this section of the road should be fully resurfaced to make sure the old road markings do not confuse. Estimated cost to do this to the mid - point of location 2 = **£22,500**.

Location 2 - Remove buildout. Remove central white lines. Provide edge of carriageway road markings 0.5m minimum from kerb line. Pedestrian crossing currently at the build out to be retained in the same location but returned to the original kerb line.

CTP suggests that this would cost approximately **£7,500**.

Additionally, this section of the road should be fully resurfaced to make sure the old road markings do not confuse. Estimated cost to do this to from the mid-point of location 1 to the mid point of location 3 = **£22,500**.

Location 3 - Retain buildout but increase the size. Add a soft landscaping planter box with a tree to make it more prominent. Refurbish/replace bollards. Remove central white lines. Provide edge of carriageway road markings 0.5m minimum from kerb line. Set back give way line.

CTP suggest that this would cost approximately **£7500**

Additionally this section of the road should be fully resurfaced to make sure the old road markings do not confuse. Estimated cost to do this to from the mid-point of location 2 to the start of existing high friction surface on approach to Thales junction) = **£30,000**

Location 4 - Remove buildout. Remove central white lines. Provide edge of carriageway road markings 0.5m minimum from kerb line. Provide an 'entrance feature' in the centre of the carriageway such as a patch of granite setts or blocks to mark change of environment. Provide additional bollards to edge protect houses and the telegraph pole on the west side of A357.

CTP suggest that this would cost approximately **£12,500**

Additionally this section of the road should be fully resurfaced to make sure the old road markings do not confuse. Estimated cost to do this to from junction with East Street to the start of existing high friction surface on approach to the traffic signal controlled crossing = **£40,000**

CTP have provided a number of pictures to give an impression the scheme would be after completion - as you can see they show the areas involved prior to the implementation of the 2015 scheme. Clearly these will need to be developed into full construction drawings as part of the implementation process. These pictures are attached to the accompanying Email message.

We note the recent work carried out on the 19th December on Build Out 3 and Build Out 4 and although there is improved visibility the modifications do not solve the concerns we have at either of those Build Outs.

In our opinion, this is a basis for a meaningful discussion on 6th February 2020 and we plan to include a CTP representative, Councillor William Wallace, District Councillor Hayward Burt, Parish Council Chairman Robin Cave and Parish Councillor Allan Kerry.