Planning & Highways Committee
Wednesday 25 November 2026

Agenda Item 12 - Highway Matters Received from Local Resident

Purpose of the Report
Members are required to:

- **NOTE** the questions contained in the report and **CONSIDER** what actions are required.

Background

On Monday 9 November, a resident emailed the parish council to ask that the Planning and Highways Committee considers a number of highways-related matters. The resident has asked the following questions.

Question 1

Wootton Bassett Road/Redpost Drive traffic lights: would a small roundabout be better here? Traffic that comes off the Mannington roundabout that wants to turn right into Redpost Drive holds up traffic behind them. This is because only two or three cars fit into the turn right lane (without moving onto the white hatch markings.) That causes traffic to back up down Great Western Way. If a little roundabout is feasible, traffic could just carry on and continue with their right hand turn into Redpost Drive.

Question 2

Zebra crossing at Waitrose. This is not very well lit, so in the dark it is difficult for motorists to spot anyone waiting to cross. I am comparing this crossing to the one outside the HSBC Bank in Devizes Market Place. That has street lighting next to the zebra crossing and is much safer.

Question 3

The protruding kerbs at that above mentioned crossing. Cyclists normally follow the kerb line, but here they have to pull out into traffic to clear where the kerbs encroach into their path. That takes them into the path of following traffic. Would it better to have them removed? I note they are there to improve pavement width for pedestrians but the kerbs affect cyclists.

Additional considerations

All of these matters fall outside the parish council's area of responsibility. Nevertheless, if the committee was minded to support them, the parish could write to Swindon Borough Council to ask that they be given due consideration.

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