

Dear Elaine,

thank you for your reply but I remain unconvinced. I have waited until now to reply so that I could see what additional information was made available in the planning portal.

I can see that just moving the roundabout to the west might cause a problem with the boundary of Halo but my proposal was to move it SOUTH and WEST. Which would not impact Halo. I believe you previously mentioned line of sight concerns but don't see what the issue is. I asked for a discussion with your experts so they could explain the constraints but that has never been arranged.

#### Safety Concerns

I would like to hear directly from the relevant safety experts that they have at least reviewed my concerns and either consider they are not relevant or will make necessary changes in order to mitigate the risks. Where can I find the relevant documents regarding the formal Stage 1 Road Safety Audit? I see they are referred to in some documents in the planning application but cannot find the report. I was under the impression that the detail design had already been completed as part of the planning application. However, you make reference to a further Road Safety Stage 2 once the fully detailed design is completed, prior to construction. Is this part of the planning process? I note that the WSCC Highway Authority report by Tim Townsend dated 8th June 2021 specifically refers to road safety concerns at the western end of the road and Halo but there is no mention of any assessment of the impact at the Barnham Road end other than comments about the construction compound.

#### Light and noise pollution

with the roundabout in its currently location the light and noise pollution will still significantly impact our property even if it is reduced. Reduced compared to what? Certainly not the current green field. The drawings show the barrier stopping level with our house and therefore all the rooms to the front and side of the property will be significantly impacted. Also if I understood correctly, from a previous consultation call, any green planting near the roundabout will have to be very low in height so that cars can see as they approach the roundabout.

#### Surface Water

I am pleased that a full CCTV survey has been carried out of the existing drainage as the current condition is clearly inadequate. Hopefully the betterment to the existing system will extend sufficiently in the direction of Barnham (west from the new roundabout) as that is where the problem seems to be. If not the existing flooding will only get worse. I note that fixing the existing drains seems to be a condition of approval from the Drainage and Flood Risk report dated 7th June 2021.

Dear Mr. Neave,

Please note that I have not raised another objection / comment in the planning portal as essentially my previous comments are still relevant and have only partly been answered.

My concern remains that planning will approve a design which is at worst dangerous and at best suboptimal.

Regards,

Rick

> On 21 May 2021, at 15:33, Elaine Martin [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Good afternoon Rick

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> Thank you for your email and in response;

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> Safety concerns:

> The design has been through a formal Stage 1 Road Safety Audit and will be subject to a further Road Safety Audit Stage 2 once the fully detailed design is completed, prior to the scheme being constructed.

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> Road Safety Audits are carried out by an independent team of qualified Road Safety Experts and are specifically focussed on identifying any residual risks that they feel have not been adequately addressed by the design team such that they can be further considered prior to construction.

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> With regards to your property in relation to the roundabout; due to the presence of the roundabout, approach speeds will have reduced sufficiently to ensure a safer egress/entrance to Green Oaks. It should be noted that any increase in traffic on Barnham Road is a temporary situation and should be further alleviated when Phase 2 is opened.

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> As we have discussed in the past; the position of the Barnham Roundabout is constrained by the Halo site boundary which prevents the proposed A29 alignment from being moved further west. Although if the roundabout was moved further west, eastbound road users would have further opportunity to accelerate on leaving the roundabout – thereby reducing the benefit.

> With regards to the proposed cycling measures provided on the footway to the west of Green Oaks, these will be clearly signed to indicate where cyclists should re-join the carriageway.

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> Light and noise pollution:

> With regards to street lighting this has been designed and considered so that the A29 road light pollution is reduced and includes shielding for localised properties.

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> Surface water drainage:

> We have carried out a full CCTV survey of the existing drainage and considered the capacity and condition in relation to the works.

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> The design considers the existing and road drainage as independent systems; however we will be providing betterment to the existing as a small proportion of the existing catchment is being put into the new system.

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> I hope that this is of help to you.

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> Best regards

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> Elaine  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Rick Priest [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 19 May 2021 12:58  
> To: James Neave <[REDACTED]> Elaine Martin  
> [REDACTED]  
> Cc: Andrew Sierakowski [REDACTED] rick  
> Priest [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Re: A29 Realignment WSCC/052/20 - JN to R Priest 23 02 21  
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> Dear Mr Neave and Ms Martin,  
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> I am writing to both of you in the hope that you can provide me with some  
advice on how to retrieve relevant information from the Planning Portal.  
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> You will be aware that I raised several concerns through the planning process  
and in emails to yourselves (see below). I do not want to waste everyone's time  
repeating the same objections if they have been answered.  
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> I have tried to review all the latest information that has been submitted but  
have not been able to find information that addresses all my concerns. That may  
be because I can't find it or that my comments have simply been ignored.  
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> I remain particularly concerned about the proximity of the proposed Barnham  
Road roundabout to our existing driveway (17m). I am seeking positive  
confirmation that the relevant experts are aware of this aspect of the design and  
that it is considered to be safe. Please can you let me know in which document I  
can find this information.  
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> Kind regards,  
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> Rick Priest  
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>> On 23 Feb 2021, at 12:05, James Neave

[REDACTED] wrote:

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>> Mr. Priest,

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>> The applicant has advised that the requested additional information is aimed for submission in April. Once we have this there will be a further period of consultation (with advertisement etc) where comments will be sought.

Thereafter, a report will be prepared for consideration by Planning Committee.

Although subject to change, I would estimate a committee date of 29th June.

Anyone who has written in, will be notified of the committee date and directed to the report.

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>> Kind regards,

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>> James Neave

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>> James Neave | Principal Planner, Planning Services, West Sussex County

>> Council

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Rick Priest [REDACTED]

>> Sent: 18 February 2021 10:49

>> To: James Neave [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Elaine

>> Martin [REDACTED] Priest

>> [REDACTED]

>> Subject: Re: A29 Realignment WSCC/052/20 - JN to R Priest 15 02 21

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>> Dear Mr. Neave,

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>> thank you for your reply and I look forward to having my concerns answered.

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>> I have been in regular contact with Elaine Martin and have copied her on this email. Elaine is well aware of my concerns and has provided helpful input on a number of occasions. However, my question about understanding the technical reasons of the position of the Barnham Road roundabout has not been answered.

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>> The last information I received from Elaine regarding the project timelines was that the build was due to start in Spring 2021. I note in your Further Information Request that you expected information about timelines for additional information by the 14th February 2021. I would appreciate it if you could let me know what answer you received. Also any information you can provide me on the Planning Process Timelines. As you will be aware the A29 realignment has

been discussed for many years and the timelines seem to constantly change without any regard for those of us that directly affected. Even the request for comments on the planning application seem to get extended from the 13th December 2020 (Posted Notice of Application For Planning Permission) to 28th January 2021 (Deadline for comments on the planning application). Why are these dates different? Most importantly, when will a decision on this planning application be made?

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>> Kind regards,

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>> Rick Priest

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>>> On 15 Feb 2021, at 09:36, James Neave

[REDACTED] wrote:

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>>> Mr. Priest,

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>>> Unfortunately I cannot respond in detail to any individual points raised in respect of planning applications, as given the volume of representations we receive, it would not be practicable to do so.

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>>> However, I can assure you that all material matters raised will be taken into account in any recommendation/decision, taking advice from technical consultees (including the Highway Authority, Environmental Health, and Lead Local Flood Authority). I can also confirm that all comments received in relation to the proposals (including your own) were taken into account when drafting the further information request.

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>>> Should you have any detailed queries regarding the design rationale

>>> for the proposals etc. you will need to discuss with the WSCC

>>> Project Manager (i.e. WSCC as [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]

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>>> Regards,

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>>> James Neave

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>>> James Neave | Principal Planner, Planning Services, West Sussex

>>> County Council

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Rick Priest [REDACTED]

>>> Sent: 12 February 2021 13:04

>>> To: James Neave [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

>>> Subject: A29 Realignment WSCC/052/20

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>>> Dear Mr Neave,

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>>> I have seen that you have posted a 12 page document on the 3rd February 2021 in Other Correspondence entitled "Regulation 25 further information request".

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>>> You may have noticed that I made some comments in the Public Comments section on the 8th December 2020. I have copied my comments below for your convenience.

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>>> I am not very familiar with planning processes and hopefully you can help me.

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>>> Your document refers to comments made by others. Please can you let me know if the concerns I have raised have been taken into account when you prepared your document. If so in which sections are they addressed? If not then please let me know how I can expect to receive feedback on my concerns.

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>>> Kind regards,

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>>> Rick Priest

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>>> I am aware that Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council have objected to this planning application and I generally support their concerns. However, this topic has been debated for more than 10 years and the uncertainty has been so detrimental to us that I would now prefer that it is completed as soon as possible. However, I have a number of specific concerns as we live in Green Oaks, a property directly affected by the proposals.

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>>> 1) Safety concern - Barnham Road roundabout: I have repeatedly raised concerns about the proximity of the proposed new roundabout to our existing driveway at Green Oaks. It is less than 18 metres (see drawing supplied to me by WSCC ). I have asked for a formal written statement from WSCC that they consider the design to be safe. This has not been supplied and I can't find it in the various planning application appendices. I am very concerned that when turning out of our driveway (especially west towards Eastergate) we will be in danger of being hit by oncoming traffic. I know everyone should keep to the speed limit but in reality not everyone does. The plans also show a footpath (NOT a Shared Footway/cycleway) outside the entrance to Green Oaks. Presumably it is intended that this is the same as the existing arrangement. The reality is that cyclists already use this footpath rather than riding on the road. With the increased traffic the likelihood of accidents will increase. I know efforts have been made to move the roundabout further south and west on Barnham Road but still don't understand why it cannot be moved further away. I have asked for discussions with WSCC experts to understand their constraints but they have not answered my request. Now that the plan shows the intent to relocate the entrance to Halo onto the new A29, I don't understand why the roundabout cannot be moved further away from Green Oaks.

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>>> 2) Light and noise pollution: according to the plans there will be eight (8) lighting columns very close to Green Oaks. The proposed screening on the new A29 stops level with our house, several meters before the roundabout. We have three bedrooms that will be directly impacted by the increased noise and light from the new roundabout and road. Again this problem could be at least partially resolved by moving the roundabout south / west.

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>>> 3) Surface water drainage: the surface water drains in Barnham Road, to the East and West of the new roundabout, are not currently fit for purpose and the road floods regularly when it rains. I have previously reported this to WSCC and have many photos taken over several months if required. However, I don't think WSCC dispute there is a problem. I have been told by WSCC that they are having the drains reviewed. I am very concerned that the design of the A29 realignment does not adequately include the failures of the existing drains in Barnham Road. If these are not resolved and adequate maintenance ensured the flooding will get worse. The drainage ponds shown in the plans do not address this concern.