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Warminster Area Board

### **Re Proposed mini roundabout at junction of Copheap and Portway Warminster.**

The residents of Copheap have suffered quite dramatically over the last three years as a result of traffic diversions into the area from the town centre road works. Wiltshire Highways have monitored the traffic figures which rose from 3000 vehicles per day to over 10,000. There has always been an issue with the free flow of traffic leaving Copheap Lane into Westbury Road or Portway, particularly at peak times.

This is a main travel route for vehicles accessing & leaving the Army Camp and traffic to this source has increased with additional training exercises required by the services. There is not a safe pedestrian route for any member of the public or schoolchild either in this area as there are no pavements on one side of the lane.

Many schemes have been suggested but a mini roundabout at the junction of Portway and Copheap Lane would enable the traffic to move better particularly at peak times. There would be a loss of on street parking for one or two vehicles, but highways engineers consulted think that this would be a fair price to pay and that a mini roundabout would work at this junction. As referral and agreement to schemes of this kind are subject to approval by the Area Board, we as a Town Council cannot progress any further without the boards support.

The Town Council have received many requests from residents and people regularly using the road to try and make the junction easier. The local police have also become involved with complaints. It is the wish of the Town Development Committee of Warminster Town Council that the Warminster Area Board makes a formal recommendation for a mini roundabout to be installed at this junction and ask Wiltshire Highways to make a further assessment of a scheme of this kind. This Town Council would like to know the cost of installation and would consider supporting the project financially if approved.

Yours Sincerely

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