

**OBJECTORS AND REASONS FOR OBJECTION
AND SUPPORTERS WITH REASONS FOR SUPPORT**

Mr. Jean Blottiere (Objector)
Thyme Cottage
4 The Butts

Zebra crossing

- (i) A crossing is useful but it is proposed in the wrong place. There are other footpath routes that would make a crossing site further north more suitable. This would link into St. Mary's Close. It is where the school crossing patrol operated.
- (ii) Siting a crossing adjacent to a roundabout will not be safe.

Mini roundabout

- (iii) Siting a roundabout adjacent to listed property will ruin the rural aspect, create noise and pollution and devalue the property.
- (iv) It will not achieve the desired effect of reducing traffic speeds. This should be achieved by installing a measure at the start of the 30 mph restriction at the junction with Blackberry Lane.
- (v) A roundabout on the bend at the top of a hill by a junction is dangerous and will create accidents where none have occurred recently.

Comments on objections

- (i) There is a footpath link from the A360 opposite the Bell Public House to St. Mary's Close and on to Silver Street, for the playing fields and shop. However, this is a longer route and pedestrians will continue to use the more direct route. There has not been a school crossing patrol operator for some time because potential applicants have been concerned about the safety of the site by the Bell Public House. The footpath at this location has steps and is thus unsuitable for pushchairs.
- (ii) Experience has shown that crossings close to mini roundabouts where speeds are controlled are generally safe. Speeds will be greater if the crossing were to be sited away from the junction.
- (iii) Signing will be required but will be kept to the minimum necessary. The advance signing away from the immediate vicinity will be as important. Noise intrusion is considered to be limited as volumes of traffic will be unlikely to cause congestion and significant stopping/starting.

- (iv) It will help reduce speeds at this location. It will not prejudice the possibility of other measures elsewhere at a future date. Red gateway and enhanced signs are to be provided (jointly with the Parish Council) at the commencement of the 30 mph restriction.
- (v) It is considered that the installation of the crossing and mini roundabout with appropriate signing should be relatively safe.

Nigel and Dianne Lloyd (Objectors)

6 The Butts

Agree that a zebra crossing and traffic calming should be provided but consider the proposed measures are in the wrong place.

- (i) The roundabout and crossing are proposed on a bend and the brow of a hill.
- (ii) Pedestrians will be diverted along a narrow length of footway.
- (iii) Traffic calming in the centre of the village is self defeating.
- (iv) Residents' drives access onto the roundabout and this may cause problems.
- (v) The mini roundabout may affect parking for the shop.

Suggest moving the crossing 30 metres towards The Bell where there are other footpath routes including a flight of steps, and resiting the mini roundabout to Blackberry Lane.

Comments on objections

- (i) It is considered that the installation of the crossing and mini roundabout with appropriate signing should be relatively safe.
- (ii) The footway is relatively narrow but it is intended to remove the redundant telegraph pole base to provide some additional width.
- (iii) It will help reduce speeds at this location. It will not prejudice the possibility of other measures elsewhere at a future date. Red gateway and enhanced signs are to be provided (jointly with the Parish Council) at the commencement of the 30 mph restriction.
- (iv) Discussions have taken place with a resident whose access emerges onto the roundabout and he is satisfied with the proposal.
- (v) There are no proposals to alter the parking provision in Silver Street.

Petition

The petition is headed "NO to a roundabout in Potterne!" and the letter from Mr. J. Blottiere forwarding the petition raises no additional points to those made in his letter of objection. The signatories include residents from Devizes, Worton, Melksham, Chippenham and Cheltenham, in addition to local residents.

SUMMARY OF LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Mrs. J. Stevens (Supporter)
20 Highlands

The provision of the crossing eases the concerns about her child crossing the road to catch the bus to and from secondary school. It will also help villagers with pushchairs and young children crossing to and from the school and pre-school. If the crossing were sited by The Bell many people would still cross on the most direct route by Silver Street.

Mr. C. Boyack (Supporter)
26 High Street

Agrees that the mini roundabout could urbanise the area but the A360 carries an "urban" volume of traffic and the solution is appropriate. Road noise could be less than at present, rather than greater, because of the lower speeds.

The crossing by Silver Street is the appropriate site as more pedestrians cross there rather than further north.

Mr. and Mrs. S.W.P. Sawyer (Supporters)
Little Farm House
Whistley Road

The mini roundabout at Silver Street will assist in slowing traffic and reducing the risk of accidents elsewhere in the village.

The new crossing will provide a safer means of crossing the road, particularly to the playing field for PE classes.

Alwyn Rees (Supporter)
44 Whistley Road

The children at the school have worked hard over the years to support this project to provide a safer means of access between the school and the playing fields.

Slowing the traffic with a roundabout at the crossing point will greatly improve conditions for pedestrians, including children and particularly school classes when crossing at this point.

The roundabout will help to check speeds before the sharp bend at the Church corner.

A resident of Mill Road (Supporter)

The Parish Council published in the newsletter in March 2002 a note on the proposal. It is unfortunate that in the week before work was due to start a group of "ill advised single minded fools" decided to turn against the proposal.

The proposals are good and necessary. A number of residents will be extremely angry if the proposal to make the village safer, particularly for children, is lost.

T. and A. Graham (Supporter)
Whistley Road

Give wholehearted support for the proposal. The location is highly appropriate and gives easier access to the shops and school. It should encourage more children to walk to school.