

A30 Brookhill – Emails to/from W.Cnllr Tony Deane on behalf of DStA PC

From: Tony Deane
Sent: 24 August 2015 20:38
To: Whitehead, Philip
Cc: Khansari, Parvis
Subject: A30 Brook Hill Donhead St Andrew.

Philip

I have been in correspondence with Parvis on the proposed warning system for this section of the A30.

The photograph below shows how lucky we have been that there hasn't been a major issue until now. Imagine what could have been. Lorry meets BP Tanker laden with fuel OOMPH! On the A30 at Brook Hill

In my email dated 21st July 2015 @13:15 (copied to you) I illustrated the location etc. and spelt out how we proposed to tackle the problem though the substantive bid process, if the work could not be carried out earlier as advance works for the A303 overspill traffic.

Could you mull this one over as there is quite a time risk and non achievement risk to the substantive bid process.

If we are asked shouldn't WC as Highways Authority for this section of the A30 have carried out the installation of warning signs or single way traffic earlier?

How do we answer? - Particularly as we might be charged with an element of neglect.

Tony Deane
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Wiltshire Councillor
Tisbury & the Donheads

From: Whitehead, Philip
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2015 9:38 PM
To: Tony Deane
Cc: Khansari, Parvis
Subject: RE: A30 Brook Hill Donhead St Andrew.

Tony

There are many areas in Wiltshire that are not wide enough for a bus and a tanker to try to get through together. Not trying this is called good sensible driving - trying it is called driver error (which means we are not liable)

I do not know the detail of what has been proposed but if the alternative is the CATG and substantive bid process then I do not see how we avoid it. If I support an exception would I have to do the same in Seend which has a much narrow road that appears in your picture?

Regards Philip

Philip Whitehead
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

From: Tony Deane
Sent: 3rd September 2015
To: Whitehead, Philip

Philip

Thank you for the response.

As we both know the situation in a particular location is more than just the width of the road.

This steep hill on a portion of the A30 will receive an increasing amount of assorted traffic as the jams on the A303 increases and then probably become even worse when construction work begins in 2020.

I realise that you have a limited budget and you know full well that the perception in the communities of South Wiltshire is of neglect by the Trowbridge based northern centric administration.

Your decision, your budget as portfolio holder.

You now know the problem.

In the light of this information we will pursue the substantive bid process in the hope that we might be successful.

Thanks

Tony

From: Whitehead, Philip
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2015
To: Tony Deane
Subject: RE: A30 Brook Hill Donhead St Andrew.

Tony

Always happy to serve - and provide figures to show that we spend at least as much in the south as in the north, if not more. I think this will have to go to substantive funding but I am willing to work with you on that to make sure that we can improve the performance in going there.

Again I agree with your concerns re the future problems caused as the work on the A303 is started - as with all these things there is pain to go through but the fact that this is a tunnel will help as it will have to be built away from the stretch of the A303 that causes us in Wiltshire most problems and thus be less disruptive than if we were simply dualing the road. We can finish the tunnel and then link the two without greatly disrupting the road during the time. However the ever increasing problem of traffic problems years by year on the A303 will not help in the next few years.

Regards Philip

Philip Whitehead
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

