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From: Bhujel, Prakash <prakash.bhujel@norfolk.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 January 2021 13:59
To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Cc: Limbu, Tekendra; 'Colman, Ed'; Jacklin, David
Subject: RE: PMA926 Swaffham Pedestrian Guardrail Proposal

Importance: High

Hi Richard,

Thank you for your reply. I am pleased to hear that Town council are in support of the scheme.

With regard to your suggestion with the use of double height kerb – although it would potentially work, however, we are proposing to take up existing railings and not replace at this location. Please see the drawing that I sent you on 22/12/2020. Safety audit team are happy with this. Also raising kerb height will require additional footway work including taking up existing paving slabs and relaying to the new level which is beyond the scope of the scheme.

With regard to planters, like I had mentioned in my previous e-mail they can be supplied and erected by Swaffham TC with a street furniture licence, however, Area Highway Engineer/Manager (David Jacklin, david.jacklin@norfolk.gov.uk) will need to be consulted for its location so that they don't obstruct the visibility through the railings or at the junction. Again, any highway improvement requests like a new crossing point on the western side of Station Street will have to come through Area Highway Engineer.

Kind Regards
Prakash

Prakash Bhujel, Highway Technician

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From: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <townclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 January 2021 12:43
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Cc: Limbu, Tekendra <tekendra.limbu@norfolk.gov.uk>; 'Colman, Ed' <Ed.Colman@breckland.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: PMA926 Swaffham Pedestrian Guardrail Proposal

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Hi Prakash,

In general the Town Council are very supportive of the scheme to replace the railings in our Town Centre. There are one or two observations/suggestions to mention following our meeting on Wednesday evening, as follows:-

I have attached a photograph of a double kerb, this is an example of a similar turning in a nearby village. It was thought that this might be considered on the turning from the East to the South in particular, as this railing has been damaged so many times previously. The double kerb could act as a natural buffer, to push the HGV traffic back into the road where it should be. It is appreciated that the issue itself is caused by HGV's taking this corner at too high speed. The idea is put forward in good faith, as a possible improvement, as the Town Council didn't want County Council to go to the expense of changing all the railings, if similar problems experienced of the past are to be repeated, with railings constantly being damaged.

There is also no specified crossing point on the Western side of Station Street, as you enter travelling North into Station Street. This could be looked at as a separate issue as part of a stand alone project, it is again being mentioned as an observation, as it is something within the location of the new railings.

Are there any details of any planting measures that may be incorporated by the changes in the railings? Or are we just talking about the railings themselves at this time?

Again I reiterate, that in general the Town Councillors were very supportive of the scheme as it has been a long standing problem for the Town and Highways to endure over many years and they look forward to implementation as soon as possible, if you are able to take account of the comments made, I would be grateful – thank you.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
Town Clerk



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Subject: RE: PMA926 Swaffham Pedestrian Guardrail Proposal

Hi Prakash,

I will come back to you around 12.30ish – just going into another zoom meeting.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
Town Clerk





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Cc: Limbu, Tekendra <tekendra.limbu@norfolk.gov.uk>; Colman, Ed <Ed.Colman@breckland.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: PMA926 Swaffham Pedestrian Guardrail Proposal

Importance: High

Hi Richard,

Hope you are keeping well.

Do we have any updates on this one as I was really keen on progressing this scheme and want to hear the views of Town Council?

Kind regards
Prakash

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From: Bhujel, Prakash

Sent: 08 January 2021 08:18

To: Colman, Ed <Ed.Colman@breckland.gov.uk>

Cc: Limbu, Tekendra <tekendra.limbu@norfolk.gov.uk>; richard@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk

Subject: RE: PMA926 Swaffham Pedestrian Guardrail Proposal

Importance: High

Dear Cllr Ed,

Thank you for your email and highlighting issues at Swaffham town.

I have shared your request/suggestion with the scheme sponsor and area highway engineer.

The response from the area highway engineer was that the issue with existing Tegula crossing in the question has cropped up a few times in the past as it is regularly trafficked by HGVs and has been repaired on maintenance a couple of times. I am told that this is being discussed and consideration has been made about taking them out and patching with Hot rolled asphalt with golden gravel chippings, so it still looks different to the surrounding ~~e/w~~ carriageway.

With regards to planters, they can be supplied and erected by Swaffham TC with a street furniture licence, however, Area Highway Engineer will need to be consulted for its location so that they don't obstruct the visibility through the railings or at the junction.

Unfortunately, the above works are beyond the scope of the scheme I am progressing and will have to be carried out separately at different timescale.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards
Prakash

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From: Colman, Ed <Ed.Colman@breckland.gov.uk>

Sent: 01 January 2021 17:22

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Subject: Re: PMA926 Swaffham Pedestrian Guardrail Proposal

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Hi Prakash,

Thanks for this as a Breckland and County Councillor for Swaffham, can I ask if we can look at the addition of some planters?

Ian Parkes previously mentioned this in a meeting with Tom McCabe and Richard from the Town Council last year? I believe the Town Council would maintain these from our earlier conversations but Richard can confirm.

Also could the scope of this work be expanded to include the fake crossing outside of the Greyhound pub near to the Buttercross in the town. This has been repaired countless times and the crossing continues to break up, can we look at a solution to this please in the near future?

Thanks,
Ed

From: Bhujel, Prakash <prakash.bhujel@norfolk.gov.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 11:04:12 AM

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Cc: Colman, Ed <Ed.Colman@breckland.gov.uk>; Limbu, Tekendra <tekandra.limbu@norfolk.gov.uk>

Subject: PMA926 Swaffham Pedestrian Guardrail Proposal

Dear Richard,

Hope you are keeping well.

I am writing this e-mail to inform you that Norfolk County Council intends to carry out pedestrian guardrail improvement works in A1065 Station Road, Swaffham (Please find attached for Site location).

There is an ongoing maintenance issue with existing ornate conservation pedestrian railings constantly being hit by HGVs. These railings are very expensive which puts pressure on our maintenance budgets, due to the amount of repairs it requires and the significant time scale to replace them, due to it being bespoke/custom made. The consequence of this is that they always look damaged and tatty and this causes the problems and invites lots of complaints, making the area look unkempt.

With above reasons in mind, I propose removal of all the existing ornate railings and replacement with standard pedestrian guardrail painted in black (find attached standard drawing and Construction plan). I also intend to not replace the railings at locations identified in the attached drawing. I have discussed/agreed with safety audit team. I appreciate that this is not a like-for-like replacement, however, could you please let me know the Town Council's view on this?

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss the proposals please do contact me in below address.

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