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APPENDIX MDB 8

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From:

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Sent:

28 November 2014 10:17

To:

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Cc:

Savage, Steve K.

Subject:

Proposed speed limit at Blandford St Mary's

Dear Rob.

I have spoken to Andy Brown in our traffic management team about the proposals for the A354 and the desired speed limit for the section of road between the new access and the roundabout. Considering the existing speed limits around the roundabout and the proposals, including street lighting and the new crossing, the conclusion was that a 40mph limit would be the most appropriate.

This will be subject to further consideration as the design progresses and more details become available but 40mph is our considered opinion at the moment and can be used to inform other work.

Kind regards,

Wayne

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From: Rob Akerman < rob@akermandesign.co.uk>

Sent:21 November 2014 12:51To:w.sayers@dorsetcc.gov.ukSubject:FW: Blandford St Mary's

Attachments: 141023 061-10-DRAFT-10-01.pdf

Wayne

Could you let me know your considered view with regards to the referred speed limit below. I recall from our telephone conversation of 11/11/14, you thought a 40mph speed limit on the A354 would be appropriate but were going to consult colleagues before responding formally.

Regards

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Sent: 23 October 2014 16:23

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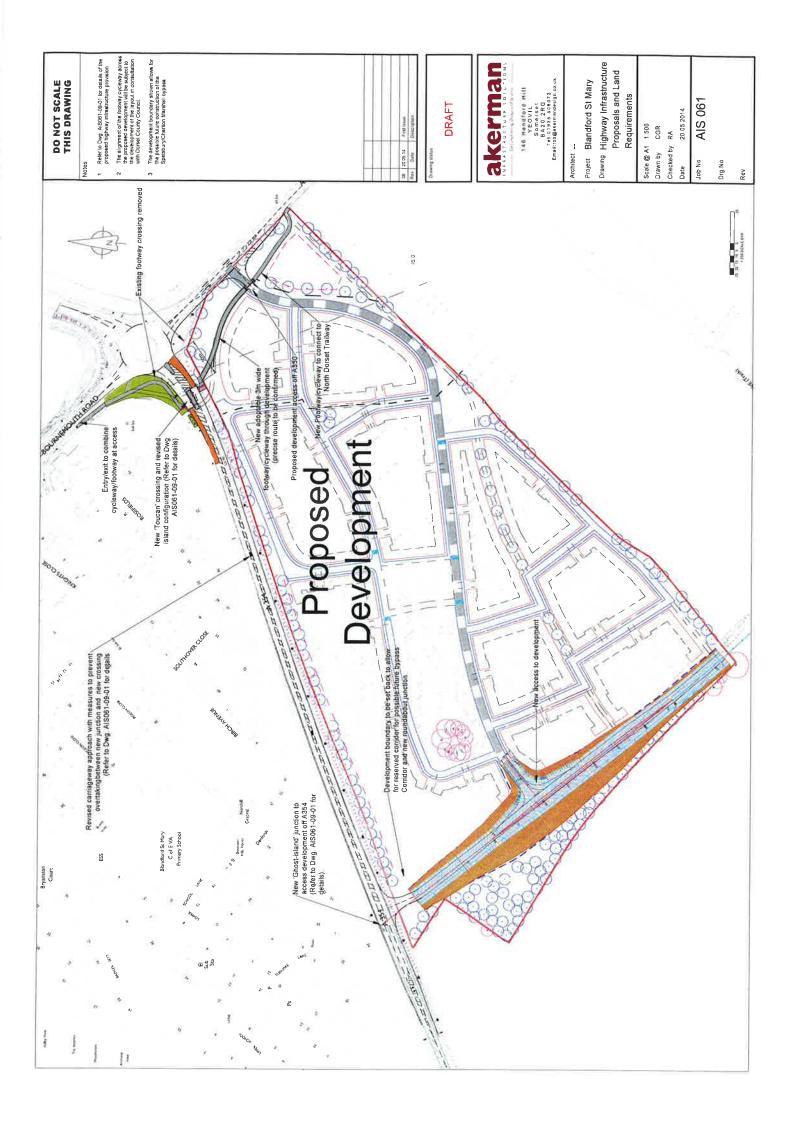
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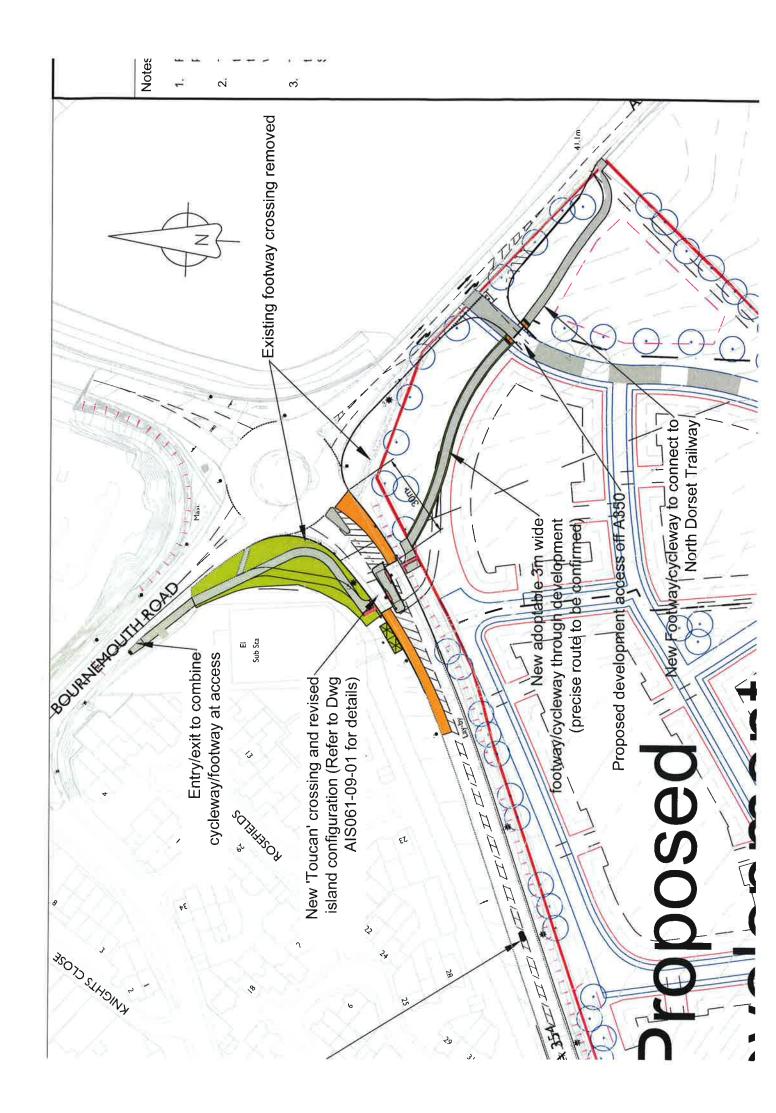


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Sent:

06 May 2014 08:57

To:

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Cc:

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Subject:

FW: St Mary's Hill - A354 Crossing Layout.

Morning Wayne,

Thank you for your email below.

Are you able to confirm if you are content with the changes made to the Travel Plan as well?

Kind regards Carolyne

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Sent: 02 May 2014 11:54

To: Rob Akerman

Cc: Morgan, Carolyne; vernonknapper@gmail.com; thijs@knapper.co.uk; DMC@morgancarey.co.uk; Savage, Steve K.

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Dear Rob,

I can confirm that DCC are in agreement that the at grade, toucan crossing, approach can be pursued as a suitable scheme to provide pedestrian access to the proposed site. Following our previous conversation on this you were going to send me an updated plan indicating the distance between the stop line and the rbt on the revised scheme, as the .pdf I already have is not to scale. Once I have this I can confirm that the actual location of the crossing is acceptable to us.

We do have some detailed comments on the layout of the toucan crossing and surrounding areas, looking at island widths, white lining, bollards and the cycle/footway but these will probably be better dealt with should the scheme need to be designed up in detail for delivery.

The revised assessment of the Blandford Road roundabout looks fine and it is clear that the junction will operate much better if the ASDA store is delivered on the other side of Blandford. There is some indication that ASDA are now looking to discharge their reserved matters on this site and hence, increased likelihood that the store will be delivered. It is also true that the new toucan crossing, completing the Sturminster Trailway, would further reduce vehicular impact on the roundabout by providing a safe route for people from the site, as well as those living further to the south east, to visit Tesco and the town centre.

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Subject: FW: St Mary's Hill - A354 Crossing Layout.

Wayne

Have you had an opportunity to the Traffic Addendum for the proposed St Mary's Hill Development (issued 8/4/14). We are aiming to issue a planning application to NDDC In order to meet critical dates relating to the NDDC Local Plan. We need to do this as soon as possible but the application relies on feedback from DCC with regards to the highway proposal. Please can you contact me (mobile preferably) as soon as you can to confirm when a response from DCC is likely to be received. Note, e-mail below of particular importance are your comments relating to the at grade crossing.

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Cc: MorganC@pbworld.com

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I appreciate you may have not had a chance to review all of the Traffic Addendum which was issued recently by PB on 8/4/14. However, our primary concern at this stage is to ensure we have a feasible solution in principle for the A354 pedestrian crossing (one which addresses DCC's comments relating to the earlier Transport Assessment. We agree that an acceptable crossing is essential and will be the primary driver to the scheme being developed further or not. Is it possible you could provide any major concerns or comments specifically relating to Dwg No. AIS061-07-01-Rev00 – At Grade Controlled Pedestrian Crossing (Option 3) as soon as convenient. We are ready to undertake an Environmental Impact assessment but can only risk doing this once we are confident the pedestrian crossing requirements have been met.

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Wayne/ Matthew <<...>>

Please find attached Dwg Nos. AISO61-07-01 (Option 3)which includes our current proposals for the crossing on the A354. The proposal addresses your concern with regards to the proximity of the crossing to the roundabout. The crossing has been relocated a further 10m from the roundabout as discussed with Matthew. The drawing will be included in the traffic addendum. I understand the delivery of this has been delayed due to difficulty finding the relevant information from the Asda planning documents so I have forwarded the drawing separately so you can review sooner if possible.

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Dear Rob,

I can confirm that DCC are in agreement that the at grade, toucan crossing, approach can be pursued as a suitable scheme to provide pedestrian access to the proposed site. Following our previous conversation on this you were going to send me an updated plan indicating the distance between the stop line and the rbt on the revised scheme, as the .pdf I already have is not to scale. Once I have this I can confirm that the actual location of the crossing is acceptable to us.

We do have some detailed comments on the layout of the toucan crossing and surrounding areas, looking at island widths, white lining, bollards and the cycle/footway but these will probably be better dealt with should the scheme need to be designed up in detail for delivery.

The revised assessment of the Blandford Road roundabout looks fine and it is clear that the junction will operate much better if the ASDA store is delivered on the other side of Blandford. There is some indication that ASDA are now looking to discharge their reserved matters on this site and hence, increased likelihood that the store will be delivered. It is also true that the new toucan crossing, completing the Sturminster Trailway, would further reduce vehicular impact on the roundabout by providing a safe route for people from the site, as well as those living further to the south east, to visit Tesco and the town centre.

Kind regards,

Wayne

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Wayne

Have you had an opportunity to the Traffic Addendum for the proposed St Mary's Hill Development (issued 8/4/14). We are aiming to issue a planning application to NDDC In order to meet critical dates relating to the NDDC Local Plan. We need to do this as soon as possible but the application relies on feedback from DCC with regards to the highway proposal. Please can you contact me (mobile preferably) as soon as you can to confirm when a response from DCC is likely to be received. Note, e-mail below of particular importance are your comments relating to the at grade crossing.

Regards

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Wayne

I appreciate you may have not had a chance to review all of the Traffic Addendum which was issued recently by PB on 8/4/14. However, our primary concern at this stage is to ensure we have a feasible solution in principle for the A354 pedestrian crossing (one which addresses DCC's comments relating to the earlier Transport Assessment. We agree that an acceptable crossing is essential and will be the primary driver to the scheme being developed further or not. Is it possible you could provide any major concerns or comments specifically relating to Dwg No. AIS061-07-01-Rev00 – At Grade Controlled Pedestrian Crossing (Option 3) as soon as convenient. We are ready to undertake an Environmental Impact assessment but can only risk doing this once we are confident the pedestrian crossing requirements have been met.

Regards

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Wayne/ Matthew <<...>>

Please find attached Dwg Nos. AISO61-07-01 (Option 3)which includes our current proposals for the crossing on the A354. The proposal addresses your concern with regards to the proximity of the crossing to the roundabout. The crossing has been relocated a further 10m from the roundabout as discussed with Matthew. The drawing will be included in the traffic addendum. I understand the delivery of this has been delayed due to difficulty finding the relevant information from the Asda planning documents so I have forwarded the drawing separately so you can review sooner if possible.

Regards

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