

AGENDA ITEM 8(a)

ITEMS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILS:

From Councillor David Stabler, Great Linford Parish Council:

Proliferation of roadside signs in Milton Keynes. Research has suggested that a multiplicity of signs can create confusion and has safety implications for drivers, which may lead to an increase in accidents due to the brains inability to process more than four bits of information simultaneously.

- a. **Question.** Is MKC prepared to undertake a comprehensive review of all road side signs, whether official direction, statutory, warning, advisory, or advertising signs and remove all but those essential to safe driving and route direction?

AGENDA ITEM 8(b)

From Councillor David Stabler, Great Linford Parish Council:

Grafton Gate/Silbury Boulevard traffic signal junction. At the date this question was drafted [12th October] this scheme is not fully operational after many months of delay, I believe work commenced in May. The lights were turned on for a 24 hour period on the 6th October and then the coned roundabout was reinstated in order to make adjustments to the sequencing of the lights. From anicdotal comments it would appear that over the initial 24 hour period of operation the effect on vehicle movements was to cause considerable delays –even late at night - and tail backs to the Portway roundabout. This does not auger well for the proposed speeding of traffic flows, in particular bus travel, which is the stated purpose of this multi £1000 scheme and other similar schemes proposed in the near future.

- a. **Question.** Once fully installed, is MKC prepared to review the operation of this traffic signal junction for a period of six months to evaluate the real effect on vehicle movements? During this evaluation period and until a comprehensives review of any outcomes had been considered and agreed by MKC, is MKC prepared to invoke a moratorium on any further physical conversion of roundabouts to traffic signal junctions?

AGENDA ITEM **8(c)**

From Councillor David Stabler, Great Linford Parish Council:

Street Signs. Is MKC aware that some street signs in CMK are unreadable and others throughout the administrative area are obscured by verdures?

- a. **Question.** Does MKC have duty - and a regime in place - to inspect, replace and or clean road signs and what action will be taken to rectify the problems highlighted here?

AGENDA ITEM **8(d)**

From Councillor Gibbard, Woughton Parish Council:

The lack of disabled access on the footbridge on the V7 between Eaglestone and Coffee Hall.

AGENDA ITEM **8(e)**

From Councillor Gibbard, Woughton Parish Council:

The possibility of introducing a 20 MPH around local schools.

AGENDA ITEM **8(f)**

From Councillor Gibbard, Woughton Parish Council:

Concerns regarding the disregard some Private Hire Drivers have for the wearing of seat belts.

AGENDA ITEM 8(g)

From Lisa Courney, Clerk to Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council:

Regarding Newton Leys development in Bletchley:

Is the forum aware that unless alternative arrangements are made for traffic heading west from Newton Leys development, this development will become the largest cul de sac in Milton Keynes. There is currently only one access road from the proposed estate. The implications of having just one entrance and exit is that all traffic will be funneled through already crowded Bletchley roads.

All traffic moving in and out of the Newton Leys development will either travel along Manor Road to Drayton Road or via the Lakes Estate by pass road. Either of these access points will result in a severe increase in traffic movement along the main arteries of Bletchley roads, specifically Stoke Road and Drayton Road. As you are aware, another large development is already under way in Stoke Road and this itself will produce a significant amount of new traffic – the Newton Leys development will only exacerbate the problem.

The forum is asked to consider an access road to the west of the Newton Leys development and to support this proposal to MK Highways and Planning Departments.