

## SELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL

### NOTES FROM THE TRAFFIC MEETING WITH BEN HAMILTON-BAILLIE ASSOCIATES held on TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> July 2013 at 7 pm in the VILLAGE HALL, SELBORNE.

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The Parish Council organised a meeting for all residents of Selborne, Oakhanger and Blackmoor to attend a Traffic Meeting with the consultant Ben Hamilton-Baillie and Associates.

The following Councillors were present Cllr Miss J Clay, Cllr J Dingle, Cllr M Smith, Cllr Mrs M Palmer, Cllr G Earney and Cllr D Ashcroft plus the Clerk. County Councillors M Kemp-Gee attended and Head of Highways (North and East) Adrian Gray. Ben Hamilton-Baillie was accompanied by David Knight from Transport Planning Associates and a research student and there were approximately 20 members of the public. One member of the press from the Alton Herald was also present.

Ben started his presentation by setting the scene on the historical use of roads and village interaction with roads. He then went on to discuss the following ideas:

- What speed would people like the traffic to travel?
- Emphasise the quality of the buildings
- Make the villages have a central hub
- Roads as a shared space for pedestrians and traffic
- Clear village gateways
- Defined parking bays
- Removing road markings
- Restricting the visual width of the roads using different road surfaces and types of paving
- Look at desire lines for the flow of pedestrians, pedestrians typically cross roads on the diagonal rather than straight across
- Think about the markings and road signs, are they creating a 'race track' line for traffic to follow?
- Create intrigue and interest alongside the road, humanising the streets, drivers will slow down if they are interested in what they are travelling through

Ben went on to show a clips from the Poynton regeneration U Tube film and photographs from other road schemes such as Buriton and West Meon.

Poynton regeneration U Tube film: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vzDDMzq7d0>

The public were then invited to comment and raised the following concerns:

- Yellow road surface in Selborne introduced some time ago didn't last long and was ineffective
- Pot holes in the car park were not fixed
- Who would pay for the scheme? Buriton raised their own funds and received some grants and funding from HCC, West Meon ascertained a Quality of Life Scheme
- Concern over pedestrian safety, pavements should be widened
- Volume of traffic
- Concern over pulling out from entry roads into the villages was dangerous with poor visibility
- Selborne was treated like a 'rat run' with HGVs ignoring the weight limit ban as was Oakhanger
- Pedestrians with prams, pushchairs and wheelchair users were particularly in danger using the narrow pavements or the roads in all the villages
- Pedestrians had been hit by wing mirrors
- Problem with safe access to the recreation ground in Selborne
- No escape route, once HGV road users had committed to using the B3006 through Selborne
- A325 could be made fit for purpose so less road users came through the villages

- The idea of curved parking bays were well received and it was suggested that the current parked cars in each village should be plotted but also consider where would be better to park.

David Knight commented on the Eco-Town and that the developers will need to improve other forms of transport within the Parish

Ben Hamilton-Baillie and Associates will work to put together his proposals to the Parish Council and a further public meeting will be held possibly later in September.