

# SELBORNE, OAKHANGER and BLACKMOOR

## *Drift Road, Church Road, Sotherington Lane, Blackmoor Road, Drift Road*

### Proposal Number Four

Drift Road has a relatively straight alignment (Figure 1) that makes it vulnerable to inappropriate traffic speeds.



Figure 1. Sotherington Lane/Blackmoor Road junction

### Technical note

We tend to agree with HBA's overall aim to introduce a deviation in the straightness of Drift Road to reduce traffic speeds. HBA suggest to introduce informal kerb buildouts, indicated by a change in surfacing emphasised by the use of inset setts, which will also serve to add emphasis to the mature trees. However, HBA suggest to locate this feature on the western side of Drift Road at its junction with Church Road. This location could encourage northbound drivers to deviate to the right hand side of the road to negotiate the feature and this manoeuvre may pose a risk of head to head collisions with traffic travelling out of Church Road.

We suggest that this feature would be better located on the opposite (eastern) side of Drift Road. This would provide the opportunity to introduce a change of priority at this location that will further break up the straightness of the road alignment and slow through traffic by making traffic on Drift Road slow down to negotiate the new junction layout. The feature can also be used to erect new direction signs in the form of fingerposts reinforcing the rural context. In addition to the above, the introduction of formal priority working, reinforced by the construction of a planted central island will reduce traffic speeds in Drift Road between its junctions with Sotherington Lane/Blackmoor Road and Church Road as illustrated on drawing number ATK-HGN-SEL-DR-D-0004.

It is further proposed that a kerb build out is introduced at the junction of Blackmoor Road with Sotherington Lane/Drift Road. This will improve the legibility of the junction to drivers who will be made more aware of the junction and with a consequent lowering of traffic speeds.



Figure 2. Drift Road, Church Road, Sotherington Lane, Blackmoor Road, Drift Road  
General Arrangement