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Sent: 21 December 2020 11:18
To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Subject: FW: PMA926 Swaffham A1065 pedestrian barriers

Hello Richard,

Just an fyi.

Best

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To: 'Bhujel, Prakash' <prakash.bhujel@norfolk.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: PMA926 Swaffham A1065 pedestrian barriers

Hello Prakash,

Thank you for this.

I know this area and the problem with impacts over the years.

The railings were chosen several years ago as I recall that they compliment existing street furniture used in both Swaffham and other market towns in the district.

I have discussed this issue with town councillors over the years, predominantly because they have been concerned about the ongoing damage and the extended periods that damage has been left unrepaired.

Given the regularity of impact, I can understand the requirement to put in place a simpler / more cost effective solution.

I would say that it would be worth discussing this with the town council, as they are keen to maintain a high level of quality with street furniture and may well not support cheaper alternatives.

I recall a similar instance in swanton morley several years ago where railings kept on being impacted. Here, I suggested that the replacement railings be designed to have a 'sacrificial break point', so when they were impacted,

they would break at a common point without damaging the railings. This allowed a far simpler repair following impact.

Could the existing railing design be altered to allow a similar detail – say so they broke at a common junction which could easily be replaced – say a weaker ‘male’ connector going into two ‘female’ parts (one set into the highway, the second being the rail uprights)?

Regards

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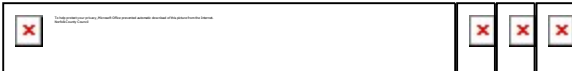
Hi Andrew,

Please see the email trail below.

I have misspelled your email address 1st time.

Kind Regards
Prakash

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From: Bhujel, Prakash
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Subject: FW: PMA926 Swaffham A1065 pedestrian barriers

Andrew/David,

Hope you are keeping well.

I am progressing this scheme and following the safety team comment and information available on design brief, I had tried to put construction plan together, please find attached. Both can you kindly go through this and make your initial comments. Also, attached site location plan.

Andrew, there are railings which needed to be repaired or replaced, so can we use quicker and cheaper than existing railings?

Kind Regards
Prakash

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Subject: RE: Swaffham A1065 pedestrian barriers

Hi Prakash

I've had a look at your proposal plans and I'm happy that it reflects the conversation which you, Tek and I had.

I still don't really understand how these railings keep getting hit though!

Cheers

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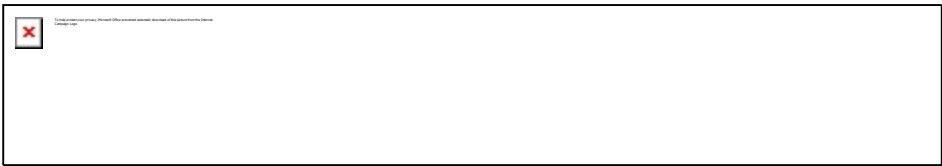
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Importance: High

Hi Julian,

Have you got any chance to look after this one?

Kind Regards
Prakash

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Importance: High

Hi Julian,

Hope you are keeping well. It has been a quite a long time since we had our catchup on this one.

Following your comments on email trailing below and catchup meeting, I have tried to put simple construction plan attached, can you kindly go through this and make your comment if it ok to proceed? Further also attached site location plan and site of works.

Kind Regards
Prakash

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Subject: RE: Swaffham A1065 pedestrian barriers

Hi Patrick

I visited Swaffham last Thursday to look at the railed area and consider the suggestions in the supporting information which you sent to Kevin.

I would agree that there is generally some scope for removal of railings around the general area. However, I do have some specific areas where guardrailing is still required in my opinion.

Photo 1 shows the west side of the A1065. The photograph is taken from the approximate head height of my 4 year old daughter – I’m sure you can see why a solid barrier would not be suitable here. Photo 2 is the drivers view of the same crossing point.

A couple of signal heads have been knocked and are listing, as shown in photos 5 and 6. It’s unclear how these have been struck as they are located on straight sections away from onerous turning movements.

The length of railing on the north side, where the footway is raised and high kerbs are present, should remain in my opinion as the height difference between the footway and carriageway is sufficient to be a trip / fall hazard.

I’ve requested a list of maintenance interventions on the railings to determine whether there are any ‘hot spots’ which are damaged more regularly. Checking the ITS records it doesn’t appear that signal poles have been replaced recently, which is suggestive to me of damage to railings being caused by fairly glancing blows.

I would suggest that the below sections of railing could be changed as described:

- North side, west of raised section of footway
- South side, around the radius outside of TSB – some scope for removal but a couple of panels should be retained towards the crossing point to protect any waiting pedestrians from overswing of HGV bodies
- Northeast side, outside George Hotel – removal of two panels adjacent to pole but retain downstream perpendicular panels to prevent peds walking into drop off bay
- West side, south of island – removal of two panels outside bait shop

I’ll feed back once I’ve heard more from area.

Cheers

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From: Scarle, Patrick <patrick.scarle@norfolk.gov.uk>

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Subject: Swaffham A1065 pedestrian barriers

Hi Kevin

We have a south scheme in Swaffham which has not been allocated to design team yet but will require your reviews.

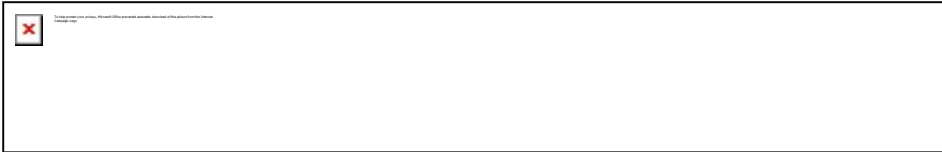
Possible removal of some of the pedestrian safety barriers, or alternative method. Please see attached brief and map. You can book your time to the job number which should be setup in Timemaster.

Link to scheme folder with further details

<N:\WPDB\Scheme Folders\Footways\Site S278F SWAFFHAM A1065 STATION STREET>

Regards

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