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Dear Householder

Traffic Calming in West Street, East Grinstead
Have Your Say

Your local councillors have raised concerns, on behalf of residents and road users, about the narrow footways in West Street. The speed and close proximity of vehicles and wing mirrors are a cause of concern and there have been a small number of reported injuries here.

It has been possible to include a small highways improvement scheme in a County Council programme of works, with the aim of helping to improve safety for footway users here.

We have looked at a number of options and discounted a number of ideas as there is very little scope for physically widening the footways because the existing roads and footways are so narrow.

The chosen proposal is to install a priority give way for traffic, with features to encourage drivers to move away from the northern footway. Priority give way, which allows only one car to pass the chicane (narrowing of the road) at a time with priority given to the traffic leaving the Town centre pushes cars travelling into the town further away from the narrow section of footpath.

In towns where this type of scheme has been installed, studies have shown that typically both the frequency and severity of injury accidents can be reduced between 25% and 50% (compared with national trends around 7%). This is a useful form of physical traffic calming and is expected to help provide a safer environment with traffic moving more slowly along this narrow section of road.

Consideration has been given to ensure that residents on the south side are able to access their driveways and that traffic is eased away from pedestrians on the

northern side. There are currently no plans to change the parking controls, however, it would not be physically possible to park where the proposed traffic island is located.

The works shown on the drawing below are only proposed at this stage and it is important to receive your views so that we can be certain that these proposals are supported by the local community before we go ahead with building the scheme.

As we are seeking the views of many people, we are not able to reply to individual responses to this consultation. Please be assured, however, that all feedback we receive will be carefully considered.

If sufficient support is gained for the scheme it may be possible to implement it later in 2017/18.

The consultation survey and questions can be accessed from:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/wsegtc>

The drawing and information for this consultation will also be on display in the West Street Library until 31st March. I will be on hand on the 9th March 2pm – 4pm to answer any questions you might have.

If you provide your email address as part of the survey I will keep you informed of the results of this consultation and any progression of the scheme.'

'The information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and will be processed in compliance with the 1998 Data Protection Act. Your details will not be passed on to any third party, and the information you provide will not be used for any other purpose without your prior permission.'

Yours faithfully



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