

**Phil Bibby**

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**Subject:** Highways Panel

Dear Members of the Highways Panel,

Tomorrow at Committee you will be considering the report for Harper Lane (Item 2a).

Unfortunately we are unable to attend to speak at the panel, but we wanted to let you know that as the local members, we cannot and do not support this scheme.

Firstly, we believe the concept of the scheme itself is flawed. Residents will not want to walk or cycle from the Bloor Homes development along a dangerous road full of delivery lorries, to then walk or cycle over a busy bridge. They will more likely walk or cycle to nearer bus stops or transport links in Shenley, or towards Radlett via the footpath that is more direct.

Secondly, we have come to understand that this junction is effectively self-policing and actually works quite well. If we were to alter it just to fulfill a policy requirement, we will risk creating havoc in the area.

Previous requests had been made for Highways to look at this junction and we were repeatedly told it wasn't dangerous, or a hotspot, and that traffic flows well, and so nothing could or should be done to aid pedestrians or traffic etc. This feedback was from Highways directly.

Thirdly, when the contractor attempted to do the roadworks last time, the entire area came to a complete standstill. School Buses to Radlett and Park Street were cancelled. People had to leave their jobs early because childcare couldn't come to the area. Children were late for their exams and shops lost a lot of trade. This is no exaggeration. There was huge outcry from residents.

We do not believe the contractor will be able to do a better job, and 6 months of work (including a full closure) is certainly not the answer.

Lastly, the area is very susceptible to traffic, and any accident on the M1 or M25, or indeed any roadworks, have huge knock on effects to the surrounding area.

As the local members, we have first hand area knowledge and have strong views on what will and will not work. We all agree that this scheme is definitely not the solution. In fact, it will make the area far, far worse and we cannot, and will not support it.

With more building on the horizon comes more options for a better solution and possibly a type of bridge further down the line with more funding.

We do hope you will heed our words and the extent of our local knowledge, and join us in not supporting this scheme.

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Kind Regards,  
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