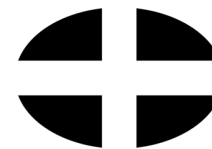


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THE TEMPLE TO BODMIN A30 ACTION GROUP

Public Meeting Regarding A30 Pounds Conce Safety Improvements

A Public Meeting was arranged by the Highways Agency on Thursday 18 September by kind permission of Cardinham Parish Council at the Parish Hall. The meeting was to discuss safety improvements proposed at Pounds Conce near Temple on the A30.

The Highways Agency was represented by Helen Phillips – Ass. Route Performance Manager; David Ewings and Ben Newman represented the Agency's contractors Enterprisemouchel. Insp. Martin Taylor represented Devon & Cornwall Police Traffic Unit Bodmin. The meeting was chaired by Julie Best of Cardinham Parish Council.

Over 30 residents, from both sides of the A30, who would be affected by the proposed safety improvements, attended the meeting. Revised plans for the scheme were put to the audience by David Ewings on behalf of the Highways Agency. Both schemes will see the removal of the third lane which causes so many problems to the many local residents using the 'Fourwinds' cross-roads.

The meeting lasted approximately 1hr with all persons present having a chance to make their views known. During the discussions the merits of the Highways Agency's original scheme with improved lane markings and ladder hatchings with red infill bounded by solid white lines was discussed. Someone from the floor suggested a show of hands for/against each of the schemes. No one supported the revised scheme and there was overwhelming support for the original scheme. Helen Phillips concluded the meeting by saying that the original scheme, incorporating the new improved eastern Higher Colvannick turning, would now go ahead. Implementation of the safety scheme would commence between January and March 2009. Helen Phillips also advised that further safety measures were being considered to the A30 at the eastern end of the Bodmin by-pass and the single carriageway section from the 'Fourwinds' cross-roads west to Penlan Garage at Higher Carblake.

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