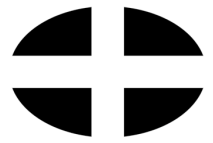


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DELAY IN 'POUNDS CONCE' SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Friday 5th July 2008

The Highways Agency recently informed the Temple to Bodmin A30 Action Group that the proposed temporary safety improvements planned for Pounds Conce (the stretch of A30 east of the 'Fourwinds' crossroads) at the end of June will not be going ahead.

Specific safety issues were raised by some of the residents from Higher Colvannick which now means the Highways Agency will no longer implement the temporary removal of the central overtaking lane. These issues will be reviewed over the next few weeks but it is likely to affect the date of the permanent safety scheme which was scheduled for November.

Chairman of the A30 Group, Mick Martin said, "This decision by the Highways Agency will have a massive impact on the numerous villages that use the 'Fourwinds' crossroads. We were hoping the Agency would implement the temporary scheme prior to the busy summer holiday period. We are now experiencing in excess of 17% more traffic using this section of the A30 as a result of the Innis Downs by-pass being completed. We have to constantly 'run the gauntlet' at this very busy intersection every day. Unfortunately the decision by the Highways Agency means we will not have the benefit of a physical barrier to help us negotiate the junction safely this forthcoming summer."

Due to the fact the final scheme was to include a resurfacing programme with the proposed new lane markings it is felt unlikely the scheme will now be fully operational until at least spring next year. Mick Martin added, "This setback in no way affects our resolve in reaching our goal, which is to have the Temple to Bodmin stretch of road improved to a dual carriageway standard."

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Please contact me if you need any further information or wish to arrange interviews.

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