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To: Paul Jenkins
Subject: RE: Traffic flow improvement proposals - Carlton Road Turvey

Hi Paul,

I have now spoken to my colleague. As per her previous response, to encourage safe and sustainable travel objectives, improvements to footpaths would likely be sought, especially as Bedford Borough Council is aware of existing local concerns expressed through discussions with Andy Prigmore, NP consultations, School Travel Plans etc. To achieve this it is therefore likely widening of the footway at the northern end of Newton Lane would be considered for a scheme of any size.

It would be difficult for the Highway Authority to support objections from residents and the Parish Council to proposals that improve safety for pedestrians and sustainability objectives unless there is substantial reasons not to.

Other alternatives to achieve acceptable access to the village centre and facilities are limited. For example it may be possible for additional Traffic Regulation Orders to restrict parking opposite a widened footway to maintain two way traffic, however this would have less benefits in terms of slowing speeds and deterring rat-running, also raised as issues. It would also remove visitor parking, some of which a narrowing would be able to maintain if this is a local concern.

If the Parish have other ideas they would support that would assist in achieving the objectives outlined then it would be helpful if (as said before) they suggested these in the LNP to guide any potential developers coming forward.

I hope this helps to clarify, but happy to discuss.

Many thanks

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