

FAO Adam Madge

Stonehenge Visitor Centre – S/2009/1527 and 1528

Please note that Shrewton Parish Council objects to the planning applications above on the basis of the following:

Traffic flows:- para 2.9.1

With around 24600 vehicles using the A303 at present, the congestion at peak periods is already unacceptable and presents a very real delay for emergency vehicles coming to incidents along the A360, let alone issues for local traffic trying to cross the A303 at Longbarrow. This is projected to increase progressively to around 41200 by 2027. The projected increase of vehicles on the A360 rises from 5900 at present to 15600 along this route, all of which is compounded by the closure of the A344 and inadequate provision of road management.

Longbarrow Roundabout:- 2.10.1

The proposals are for 3 lanes on the roundabout and on some of the access roads whilst leaving only 2 on others and will do nothing to ease the flow. Traffic coming from Amesbury will have to filter onto the roundabout and those heading for the new proposed SVC will be joined by local traffic aiming to cross the A303 causing more congestion than there is at present.

Airman's Cross:-

As the plans are written, all local traffic will have to queue with SVC visitors until they can turn left off the proposed roundabout at Airman's Cross. There should be a left hand filter lane built into the proposals so that local traffic can flow away from the tourist traffic well before the roundabout.

Rollestone Crossroads:-

This does not feature anywhere in the proposals but it is certain that this misaligned junction will become much more busy and hazardous as traffic seeks access west or east along the Packway. Ideally a roundabout is required as well as clear signage to stop traffic entering Shrewton down London Road and along the narrow High St.

Byways 11 and 12: para 2.8

Whilst the desire to keep the Stonehenge site as clear as possible is recognized, Council objects to the proposal to close byways 11 and 12 to vehicles.

Regards

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Shrewton Parish Clerk