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TQ1 3DR

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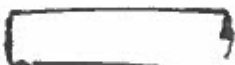
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Re: New Pedestrian Crossing Facility – “Waterside” Dartmouth Road, Paignton.

Thank you for your letter 7 September 2012 outlining the loss of parking spaces that will result from implementation of the Puffin crossing.

I wish to object to the proposal.

My objections are based on the following:

1. Cost
2. I am not aware of any incident has taken place on the current crossing which is 10 meters from my business and residence and I therefore do not think that the current crossing is unsafe.
3. Location – you state that the close proximity to the garage entrance and Knapp Park Road render the existing location unsuitable. The proposed new location is in just as close in proximity to both entrances to the pub car park on one side of the road and within a few meters of the turning into Cliff Park Road on the other. I cannot see that the guidelines are being applied consistently.
4. Loss of car parking spaces means loss of trade. During the current economic climate the businesses in this parade of shops are trading in the most difficult of circumstances. Increased costs of fuel are pushing up prices to businesses and lack of finance increases pressure. The disastrous weather throughout this year’s summer season has additionally put pressure on these businesses. There is support from the local community for these businesses but customers require the ability to be able to park.
5. Many customers are elderly and have reduced mobility. They are being discriminated against in being required to park further away.
6. The misuse of a puffin crossing by hitting the button will increase noise at night time. I live above my business and I consider this as an unnecessary infringement of my right to sleep. Please advise me of the following:
 - The decibel level of the crossing signal sound
 - The duration of the crossing signal sound

7. Disruption to my business while works are carried out and severe loss of trade both before and after. I would like clarification on the following points:
- The exact duration of the works and the proposed start and finish dates.
 - Start and finish times that the works will be carried out each day. Please confirm that work will **NOT** be carried out at night.
 - The number of parking spaces that will be unusable at each stage of the duration of the works. A schedule of the exact number of parking spaces that will remain operational from the commencement of the works to the final decommissioning of the existing crossing and reinstatement of the 2/3 parking bays in that area.
 - How will the above will impact on the ability of elderly/less mobile customers to use the shops in this area(one shop is a mobility shop and one a hairdressers with many elderly clients)
 - Arrangements for the secure storage of plant and equipment for the duration of the works or confirmation that the plant and equipment will be removed from the site on a daily basis.
 - Will the work be carried out on each side of the road simultaneously or consecutively?
8. My business is a [redacted] and I require unrestricted access for the daily delivery and collection of [redacted] and for loading of my [redacted] [redacted] Please can you confirm that access will not be restricted at any time for the duration of the works?
9. What compensation is available for businesses during the period of the works?
10. Finally please may I have your assurance that the road will **NOT** be closed at any time during the installation of the Puffin crossing and the decommissioning of the existing crossing?

As I am sure you can appreciate there are very strong feelings from all the proprietors of the businesses that will be affected and I would like to suggest that a way forward with this would be for you to meet with them and our local Counsellor to discuss the matter.

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Mr J Clewer - Chief Engineer - Highways,
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Dear Mr Clewer,

Today I visited one of the shops in the parade in Goodrington and was informed that you are constructing a new Pelican Crossing nearer to the beach shop and the hair dressing salon to replace the existing one opposite the petrol station. Can you please explain what is wrong with the existing one which was re-constructed not so long ago at considerable cost, how much will this new construction cost and what will the benefits be? In the current financial climate when, by necessity, the public have had to curb their spending, it appears the council can spend council tax payers money as and when they think fit. To add insult to injury, this proposed new crossing will mean all but one of the current parking spaces will be lost to the detriment of both the public and the shopkeepers who, so far have had no say in the matter.

I was informed that the reason for this proposed crossing was because one partially sighted lady who lives locally had complained to the council about the current one. Whilst I can totally sympathise with her disability how can this help her cause when she will have further to walk? The shops will also suffer - if there are no parking spaces people will not patronise the shops and all this at a time when local shops are badly feeling the pinch and need all the help they can get.

I cannot see the justification in moving the existing crossing a few yards away at considerable cost to the council tax payers, - we didn't ask for it and we certainly can't afford it. When is the council going to listen to our needs? Quite recently there was the 'palm tree' now there is a proposed crossing, neither of which we, the public want or can afford. What will the next 'white elephant' be? I am strongly in opposition to this crossing, and as a council tax payer, feel totally justified in airing my views. I await your reply.

Yours truly,