

QUESTIONS - White Swan event

Topic - 42 % more traffic through The Street - Andrew, (then Drew - but he said very little)

1. Why is Mill Lane not closing as it was previously? **No knowledge - no answer**
2. Do **you need** the 1300 to rat run to make Fontwell work ? **No answer - other than "an Inspector would not be happy if you asked that" !!!**
3. This is a consultation and you say you want to know our ideas as we may know something you do not know. You also admit that you are trying to find a solution to stop the rat running. So if we found a solution which prevented the village being used and so 1300 extra vehicles at peak times had to use Fontwell roundabouts, what would happen to the Fontwell calculations. **No answer- not modelled - do not know BUT said yes the queues would get worse. (I INTERPRET THAT AS - the queues would be worse, the time saving would go down and the scheme would be less viable - so they NEED the Rat Run to make the scheme viable as they can't get Fontwell to work.)**
4. Where will the A27 at Fontwell queue back to at peak times? **Don't know**
5. 1300 extra per day means - 3090 total east and west **over 24 hours**. **Yes. Some along 'old' A27 from the east and from A29. He said these directions in that order - how much from each direction was not mentioned.**
6. But the 1300 is over peak hours only? **Yes** What hours? **4-7pm** (BUT I would say that timeframe is too long - rush hour here on A27 still at 6.30pm)
7. What is the % increase on other lanes? **No answer**
8. at what point is a % increase (or what do the numbers have to reach) for it to be unacceptable from a highways point of view on these lanes. **no answer**
9. The Changes in Journey Times (9.3 minute saving) -this is actually a 6.3 minute saving if calculate from east of Crossbush to west of Fontwell? **Agreed in general terms.**
10. Mitigation - banks planting? **see below**
11. **Noise** fig 11-2, 11-3, 11-4 explain please why traffic reduces on A29 but noise level increases. Why is the noise increase in The Street **the same** (pale blue colour) **as immediately adjacent to the bypass!!!** As both areas are at times have very low noise levels does this mean the noise in The Street will be similar to standing next to the bypass? **Noise in The Street from rat running. They tried to be helpful but couldn't explain so made a call and came back to explain the Do Nothing and Do Something scenario. Explained that there is no noise map available which takes account of the mitigation. This led to a long discussion about the lack of mitigation proposed in Binsted valley due to keep the open aspect of Binsted Church. Road is up in the air (6 metre viaduct needed to route the bats along the rife UNDER the road. So the road height will be approx. 4 metres below the church land level. SO they can't lower the road as bats will not fly up and over it - need to fly under through the underpass. AND cannot plant heavily along the road to screen it road as this would harm the open setting of the church. No noise barrier as that would harm the open setting of the road. Can't plant lots of trees to reduce noise. Their solution is to keep the special open rural setting of the church with an ugly open road setting and that ticks the box of protecting the setting!!! Really?? Special low noise surface and 50mph IS THE ONLY noise mitigation. 50mph not controlled. Special surface might not be maintained with resurfacing. AND does it even work? Noise person not available - need to go to Fontwell or next Walberton meeting when a Noise person will be attending.**