

Objections to Boswell Road Traffic Calming Proposal

Good Morning

I'd like to argue against implementing the proposed Boswell Road Traffic Calming Measures. The proposal included a concern around safety while crossing the road and cars going too quickly. As a local resident who has lived in the area for over 10 years, I have never witnessed anyone struggling to cross the road, or cars going too quickly down the route where the changes are being proposed and therefore, I believe the proposal is unnecessary.

- Anyone wanting to use the footpath that links Boswell Road to John Smith Drive would either be entering Boswell Road from Barns Road, Fredeick Road or Knolles Road.
 - Anyone coming from Fredeick or Knolles can already ensure they are on the correct side of the pavement, meaning they would not need to cross where the new crossing is proposed.
 - Anyone coming from Barns road would either get of the bus outside the park and be on the correct side of the road already or can walk up to the bollards near the little roundabout (linking Barns and Bartholomew Roads), which again puts them on the correct side to enter the footpath. The Bollards are a safer place to cross the road than further down where the bus stop is and even if people are crossing there, they can cross at the entrance of Boswell Road which has a clear view of traffic coming in and out.
- The car parking spaces which would be lost are vital to local residents and as the parking permits have increased again this year. How does the council justify putting up the price of the permits for local residents while removing their parking space?
- The parked cars already provide a reason for traffic entering and exiting Boswell road to slow down and not travel too quickly in that area.
- At a time when the council budget is very tight, this seems a very expensive and unnecessary project which is being done to appease big business rather than local residents. Does the council have figures on how many people struggled to cross the road to get to the footpath, or saw cars travelling too fast and is this more than those affected by the lack of other services? The money would be better spent elsewhere.