

# QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

HS2/EKFB Meeting November 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Hall 4:30pm to 6:30pm

## Station Road Realignment

### The Parish Council View

The Realignment of Station Road will have a major impact on those residents near the Railway Centre where the new road joins Station Road as we know it today. It will also impact all residents who use Station Rd.

This new road has changed from the plan in the Act and other considerations raise our concerns about its impact and accessibility.

The PC has been discussing with EKFB and Buckinghamshire Highways since early this year to get changes and has been frustrated with Buckinghamshire Highways even proposing changes that adversely affect Quanton residents

EKFB have held these types of drop-in sessions in other locations and they frequently tell me that they are poorly attended. **It is therefore important that as many residents as possible attend so that they understand the strength of feeling in Quanton so they understand the strength of local concern**

There will be displays attended by EKFB staff who can answer your questions and towards the end (approx. 5:30pm there will be a Q&A session which should also involve Bucks Highways.)

Below are the concerns of the Parish Council

#### **Junction with the existing road**

The original design joined Station Rd at an angle adjacent to no. 110 and opposite house no. 125 upwards. The risk is that speeding vehicles will impact this residential area. Siting of the speed limit is important. It is currently set at the A41 end. This will have little effect so far from housing and leave vehicles entering the housing at too high a speed

There was also a spur junction to the Railway centre. This has been eliminated. And a junction created close to where the new road joins.

Its design will make it difficult for eg long low loaders carrying locomotives to the Railway Centre to negotiate without mounting the kerb.

It also means all the BRC visitor traffic and that for the 40 new houses will pass greater number of houses. Please remember the bridge will be a dead end once the new road opens

The PC believes the sensible approach is for reinstatement of the spur and that be the only junction. This will have the effect of minimising those affected by the passing traffic and force vehicles to slow/stop reducing the speeding danger.

A further bonus is that this should save EKFB money.

Please note the bridge will be closed off and a hammerhead created to enable access to the southern side of the Railway Centre and the factory unit.

**Drainage** may be a problem in that runoff from the new road may add to the blocked drainage on the existing road.

### **The journey to Waddesdon**

The original plan was for Quainton Road to carry straight on across the existing crossroads and up a ramp to the new road.

Bucks Highways deems it a better rural experience to eliminate this junction and require you to travel along the existing Station Rd to the start of the new road at the A41 end.

The PC views this as an unnecessary extra distance to travel.

### **Walkers.**

Walkers to Waddesdon will be impacted by the above

Apart from the bridge walkers to Snakes Lane are used to wide verges and traffic slowed by the crossroads and the bridge itself.

The new road will be open with narrow verges and no natural cues to slow vehicles down

The PC wants wider verges.

### **Bus Stop**

There is one stop currently near the Railway Centre. This will be lost and without a spur junction or set on the new road with all the danger faced by walkers above.

It is Bucks policy to encourage bus travel and this is recognised in a travel plan just agreed in approving the Faccenda planning application. There are also 40 new houses being built near this stop.

Where will the new bus stop be?

I am sure this is not an exhaustive list of concerns so please be ready to ask your questions I shall be there at the start.

John Knox

Chairman

Quainton Parish Council