

A367/Bath Road Junction south of Peasedown St John

Cllr Jonathan Rich, Peasedown St John Parish Council.

I wish to raise with you the A367/Bath Road Junction south of Peasedown St John

You would have heard at the full council meeting a few weeks ago of another serious accident at the junction on the evening of Friday 9th January, Cllr Lesley Mansell, chair of Radstock Town Council and myself, contacted B&NES officers, and have also written to the cabinet member for transport, calling on the council to take immediate action to prevent further accidents which repeatedly occur at this junction.

In 2008 David Wilson Homes submitted a planning application to built 95 houses in Wellow Lane. As a part of their application they submitted an independent traffic report which stated that this junction was already **over capacity**, and that major improvements were necessary irrespective to whether this development went ahead or not. Detailed in this report were two proposals and plans to improve this junction. One being traffic Lights the other a roundabout. That was in 2008, since then, the Wellow lane development has been completed & the houses are now occupied. In the S106 agreement there was £91k earmarked for highway improvements including a sum for this junction. I understand that there is also other S106 money from previous developments which also made a financial contribution to this junction which may not have been spent.

But now is 2015 nearly 7 years on and very little has been done to resolve or improve this dangerous junction.

With developments under construction in Radstock & others planned for Midsomer Norton, Westfield and Peasedown; the traffic volumes using this stretch of highway will continue to raise.

There have been too many accidents over the years and now is the time for this junction to be looked at as a matter of urgency before there is a really serious incident. We have asked officers and highways engineers to undertake an urgent review of the junction and assess what is the best solution to improve safety there.

I welcome the recommendation of Resources Scrutiny panel which meet on Monday night.

I am therefore requesting that in addition to the S106 money, additional funding is allocated and to include this as a project for priority funding in the 2015/16 budget; insuring that the necessary and urgent safety improvements are implemented sooner rather than later.

I to take this opportunity to present to the Council a petition signed by residents and users of the A367; calling upon Bath & North East Somerset Council to implement the urgent safety improvements as a priority as mentioned in my statement. This petition has 1422 signatures.

Thank you.