



LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS to be made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment,
Councillor Nick Bennett

MONDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2017 AT 10.00 AM

COMMITTEE ROOM, COUNTY HALL, LEWES

AGENDA

- 1 Decisions made by the Lead Cabinet Member on 16 October 2017 (*Pages 3 - 6*)
- 2 Disclosure of Interests
Disclosure by all Members present of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- 3 Urgent items
Notification of any items which the Lead Member considers urgent and proposes to take at the appropriate part of the agenda.
- 4 Rescinding of highway improvement scheme at Broad Oak, Brede (*Pages 7 - 16*)
Report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
- 5 Any urgent items previously notified under agenda item 3

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DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 16 October 2017 at County Hall, Lewes

20 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2017

20.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2017.

21 REPORTS

21.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

22 GHYLL ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS, HEATHFIELD

22.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport, together with the comments of the local Member, Councillor Simmons, and local District Councillor, Councillor Thomas, who supported the proposals.

DECISIONS

22.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) note the results of the consultation;

(2) agree that the proposals for traffic calming along Ghyll Road as set out in the report should be taken forward to construction as part of the 2018/19 Capita Programme for Local Transport Improvements; and

(3) agree to explore the feasibility of providing additional traffic calming features in Sheepsetting Lane with a view to include these measures in the scheme.

Reasons

22.3 There have been requests from local residents over a number of years for the extension of the existing Tilsmore traffic management scheme into Ghyll Road as traffic speed surveys have shown that drivers are not complying with the current 30 mph speed limit. Whilst the scheme initially sought to address the speed problem in Ghyll Road in the vicinity of Ghyll Bridge, through the design process, the safety audit identified a number of concerns about the high approach speeds to the first of the proposed traffic calming features. This has resulted in exploring a number of alternative scheme options that has made it been necessary to extend the scheme over the whole length of Ghyll Road.

22.4 The results of the public consultation showed significant support for the proposed traffic calming scheme. The detailed design work should include the additional traffic calming measures in Sheepsetting Lane between Cross in Hand Primary School and the A267 as an extension to the existing traffic management scheme if they are considered technically viable and acceptable to the residents of Sheepsetting Lane.

23 HIGHWAY POLICY REVIEW

23.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISIONS

23.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) rescind the policies set out in Appendix 3;

(2) approve the proposed amendments to the policies set out in Appendix 5; and

(3) approve the proposed new policies set out in Appendix 6.

Reasons

23.3 The policies have been reviewed to ensure they support: the latest national legislation, guidance and best practice; the county council's corporate priorities and local transport policy; and the new Highways Infrastructure Services Contract outcomes.

24 GUIDANCE FOR PARKING AT NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

24.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISIONS

24.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve the use of the revised "Guidance for Parking at New Residential Development" as a policy document of the Highway Authority in the assessment of car parking provision at new residential development proposals in East Sussex.

Reasons

24.3 Assessing car and cycle parking provision for new residential development is one key aspect of assessing planning applications. This guidance document has been developed based on the most up-to-date East Sussex specific car ownership ward data available to reflect the different characteristics that occur at district level. The calculation tool has been designed to offer developers a user friendly method to ascertain the optimum car/cycle parking provision whilst not compromising road safety for all users.

25 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT POLICY FOR DEVELOPMENTS

25.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISIONS

25.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve the use of the revised "Road Safety Audit Policy for Developments" as a policy document of the highway authority for assessing the safety implications of development proposals in East Sussex.

Reasons

25.3 Assessing road safety implications of a planning application for a development is a key aspect of considering planning applications. The policy document has been developed based

on the latest national guidance regarding Road Safety Audits to ensure that, where appropriate, suitable Road Safety Audits are provided as part of the planning application. This will allow safety implications to be fully assessed before any planning consent is granted. This will help reduce safety risk on the highways of East Sussex.

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Report to	Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
Date	18 December 2017
Report By	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title of Report	Rescinding of highway scheme at Broad Oak, Brede
Purpose of Report	To rescind the highway scheme approved for the A28/B2089 junction in Broad Oak, Brede

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended:

- (1) To rescind the highway scheme approved for the A28/B2089 junction in Broad Oak, Brede as shown at Appendix 1;**
 - (2) To remove the scheme from the County Council's highway terrier; and**
 - (3) To endorse officers continuing to engage with the Parish Council to identify appropriate measures to improve the safety of the junction.**
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1 Background Information

1.1 In April 1978 the then Highways and Transportation committee approved a scheme to improve the existing junction of the A28 and B2089 at Broad Oak, Brede. The proposal involved a change in priorities for the A28 and B2089 such that the B2089 would become the through road with the A28 giving way to it and approaching on a new line resulting in a staggered crossroads. Plans are attached at Appendix 1.

1.2 The plans included provision of a short length of new carriageway across the land belonging to the Rainbow Trout public house on Chitcombe Road and also the north east corner of land to the rear of the public house. The old A28 approach south of the junction would remain a cul-de-sac to serve a garage business which existed at the time.

1.3 Some land was acquired by the County Council but not all that would be necessary for the scheme and as a consequence the scheme has never been progressed. It was reviewed in 1980 when the County Engineer at the time was minded to rescind. The reasons given then were that the estimated cost of the scheme had increased; there had been cuts to the Capital Programme; other schemes were seen as a higher priority; Crossways Cottage had been bought and demolished thereby improving visibility on the north east (NE) corner of the junction, and the number of reported incidents had reduced. Since then it has never met the criteria for inclusion in a Capital Programme for funding and implementation.

1.4 Approved highway schemes are recorded on the highway terrier and must be declared on local land charge searches where appropriate and when interested parties request information. If schemes remain as approved schemes, costs will be incurred in maintaining the terrier and in declaring information on searches, letters and over the telephone. There is also the possibility that the County Council might be served a blight notice by an affected property owner. If proved valid, the council would incur costs. There is no financial cost in rescinding the scheme.

2 Supporting Information

2.1 On 4 September 2017 letters were sent out to Brede Parish Council, the local Rother District Councillor and the local County Councillor for the area to advise them that the County Council would be consulting with landowners affected by the scheme and residents of the village of Broad Oak, recommending that the scheme is formally rescinded and seeking their comments.

2.2 On 22 September 2017, a letter (attached at Appendix 2) was delivered to over 350 households in Broad Oak and sent to 10 landowners who own property in the vicinity, advising them of the intention to present a report to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment recommending that the scheme approved for the junction of the A28/B2089 in Broad Oak should be rescinded and seeking their comments on the proposed rescission.

2.3 Ten responses were received and a summary of their comments with proposed responses is attached at Appendix 3. Four of the responses support rescinding the scheme. Four, including that of the Parish Council, are opposed to the rescinding and two responses did not express an opinion on the rescinding issue but all call for action to make the junction safer.

2.4 Our Road Safety team are in regular contact with Brede Parish Council on highway issues including the safety of this junction. The crossroads was identified as a local safety site last year and to address these issues vegetation has been cut back to improve visibility at the junction and some minor signing improvements are included in East Sussex Highways' maintenance schedule for implementation. We have previously received requests to remove the remaining STOP sign on the Udimore Road arm of the junction but this was not considered acceptable from a road safety perspective. There have also recently been concerns raised about parking in the vicinity of the village shop and, as a consequence, this location has been added to the waiting list for possible introduction of double yellow lines in the future. However, the scheme as currently designed is not a solution to address the issues that have been raised with the junction.

2.5 The number of personal injury crashes varies from year to year but there has been one serious crash in each of the last three years. County Council officers from the Road Safety and Transport Monitoring Teams met with representatives of Brede Parish Council and the local member on 14 December to discuss local transport issues, the outcome of which can be discussed at the Lead Member meeting.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 Given the historic nature of the scheme and the need to compulsorily purchase land, it is unlikely that the scheme would be implemented by the County Council, given its stated priorities in the Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026. Therefore, it is recommended that the approved scheme for the A28/B2089 junction in Broad Oak Brede scheme is rescinded, the scheme is removed from the County Council's highway terrier and that the County Council continues to engage with the Parish Council to identify appropriate measures to improve the safety of the junction.

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LOCAL MEMBERS

Councillor Maynard.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

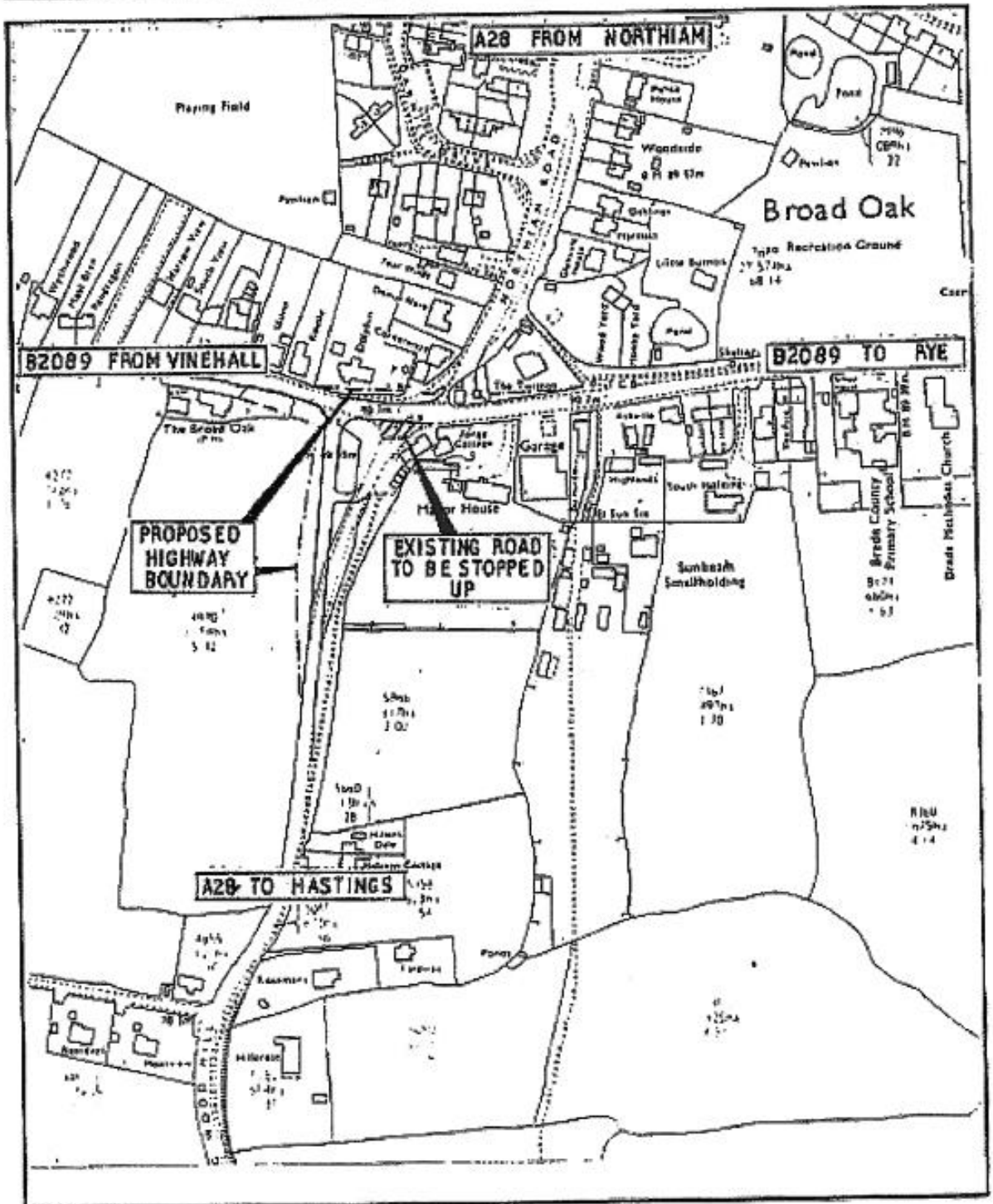
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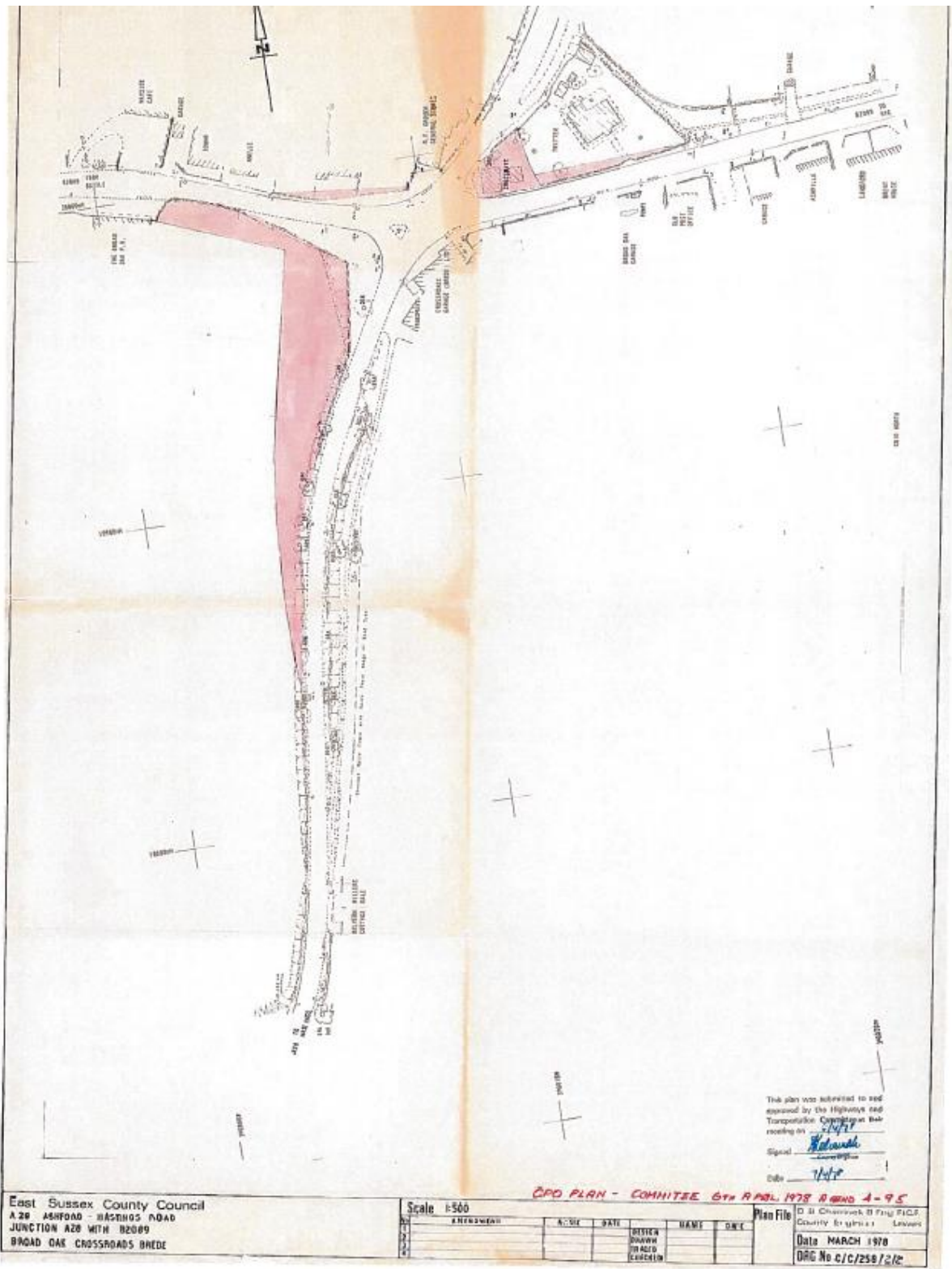
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PLAN No. 8 ITEM No. 9



JUNCTION OF A28 WITH B2089
BROAD OAK CROSSROADS, BREDE





East Sussex County Council
 A29 ASHFORD - BASHING ROAD
 JUNCTION A28 WITH B2089
 BROAD OAK CROSSROADS BRIDGE

NO.	DESCRIPTION	A. SIZE	DATE	DESIGN	DRAWN	CHECKED

This plan was submitted to and approved by the Highway and Transportation Committee at their meeting on 2/24/78
 Signed *H. Edwards*
 Date 7/1/78

CPO PLAN - COMMITTEE 6TH APRIL 1978 B BIND 4-95

Plan File D 31 Chichester B Ring P.C.C.
 County Engineer's Office
 Date MARCH 1978
 DRG No C/C/258/2/2

Appendix 2 Consultation letter

To the OWNER / OCCUPIER

25 September 2017

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Dear Owner / Occupier

REVIEW OF APPROVED HIGHWAY SCHEMES – Junction A28 and B2089 Broad Oak, Brede

East Sussex County Council is currently reviewing its list of approved highway schemes in the county.

In April of 1978 the then Highways and Transportation Committee approved a scheme for the improvement of the junction of the A28 and B2089 in Broad Oak, Brede. The proposal involved a change in priorities for the A28 and B2089 such that the B2089 would become the through road with the A28 giving way to it. The alignment of the A28 on the southern approach to the junction would be changed resulting in a staggered crossroads. The proposal included plans for the provision of a short length of new carriageway across the northeast corner of the land to the rear of the Rainbow Trout public house on Chitcombe Road as well as through part of the public house property. The old A28 approach south of the junction would remain as a cul-de-sac to serve a commercial garage business which existed at the time.

The scheme was to be included in the County Council's Capital Programme in the early 1980s. Brede Parish Council was consulted at the time and had given its general approval to the scheme.

The scheme involved the demolition of one property which the owner had agreed to sell to East Sussex County Council, subject to an agreement of terms. Some land to the east of the A28 south of the junction and a small section on the south west side of the junction was also purchased by ESCC but further purchases were not made and construction was never carried out.

As part of the ongoing review of approved highway schemes, it has been concluded that the scheme as approved in 1978 will not be progressed by the County Council. However, it continues to be declared as an approved highway scheme on land searches when affected land and properties are bought and sold. It would therefore be beneficial for those affected land and property owners if the scheme was formally rescinded.

Accordingly, I am writing to advise you that the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport will be taking a report to the County Council's Lead Member for Transport and Environment on 18 December 2017, recommending that the scheme is rescinded and the intention to build the scheme formally withdrawn.

If you have any comments on the proposed rescinding of this scheme please contact Penelope Bentley by email, letter or phone (details above) by Friday 27 October 2017. Comments received will be included in the report to Lead Member in November.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Wheeler'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jon Wheeler
Team Manager Strategic Economic Infrastructure
Communities, Economy & Transport

Appendix 3

Respondents in support of rescinding the Broad Oak A28/B2089 junction Scheme

Response received from:	Comments - summary	Proposed response
Resident	Decision to rescind old scheme is correct but something needs to be done to make junction safer. Lists factors making junction dangerous; growth in use of this route by large lorries, wear and tear to road surface, speed, unsafe driving to avoid overhanging vegetation and potholes, danger to pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians. Would like improved signage and width restriction.	Noted and comments passed on the Road Safety team.
Resident	Agree that scheme should be rescinded. Making B2089 the through road would increase speeding and staggering the junction could lead to potentially dangerous manoeuvres for traffic on A28.	Noted and comments passed on the Road Safety team.
Resident	Not against rescinding the old scheme as would be very disruptive. However does think that something needs to be done to slow down traffic speed and make junction safer.	Noted and comments passed on the Road Safety team.
Resident	Pleased that the scheme is being withdrawn as corner shop would have been affected and layby on Chitcombe Road lost.	Noted.

Respondents opposed to rescinding the Broad Oak A28/B2089 junction Scheme

Response received from:	Comments - summary	Proposed response
Brede Parish Council	The 1978 scheme should not be rescinded. The population of Broad Oak has increased as have traffic flows and HGV usage. The junction is still dangerous with frequent accidents. They would like something to be done to make the junction safer bearing in mind that the completion of the Queensway Gateway Road means the junction will be even	The junction was identified as a local safety site last year and to address these issues vegetation has been cut back to improve visibility at the junction and some minor signing improvements are included in East Sussex Highways' maintenance schedule for implementation.

Response received from:	Comments - summary	Proposed response
	busier. Department for Transport Accident Report 2005-13 and ESCC 2017 priority list of Identified Crash Sites report attached.	The scheme was approved in 1978. However given the time that has lapsed since, the need to compulsorily purchase land and that it is unlikely that the approved scheme would be implemented by the County Council, it has therefore been proposed that the approved scheme is rescinded.
Resident	Scheme should be kept 'on the books' until implemented or superseded by better scheme. Feels crossroads is dangerous and becoming more so as traffic and HGV use continues to grow.	
Resident	Scheme should not be rescinded but implemented immediately. Traffic and HGV use has grown and junction is dangerous.	
Resident	Object to rescinding unless another scheme is brought forward to sort out dangerous junction.	

Respondents to proposal to rescind the Broad Oak A28/B2089 junction scheme without expressing opinion on the issue.

Response received from:	Comments - summary	Proposed response
Resident	Suggests better markings could solve major hazard for pedestrians.	The junction was identified as a local safety site last year and to address these issues vegetation has been cut back to improve visibility at the junction and some minor signing improvements are included in East Sussex Highways' maintenance schedule for implementation. There has been a request to remove the STOP sign at the Udimore Road arm of the junction which was not considered acceptable from a road safety perspective.
Resident	Appalled that scheme was never implemented. Feels junction is extremely dangerous and would like to see ESCC take action.	It is unclear why the scheme was not implemented since its approval in 1978. The junction was identified as a local safety site last year and to address these issues

		vegetation has been cut back to improve visibility at the junction and some minor signing improvements are included in East Sussex Highways' maintenance schedule for implementation.
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