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Dear Mr Raymond

A591 Junction Proposals

The environmental improvements for Windermere are welcomed and are long overdue, however, traffic lights are not required.

The problems with the current proposed design are:-

1. Traffic turning right from Ambleside must now use High Street for Windermere.
2. Traffic from Elleray School that is wanting to go to Ambleside must now use High Street and Elleray Road.
3. Traffic from Windermere and Bowness wanting to go to the railway station or Lakeland must use the A591 and then turn right into High Street.
4. As a result of the above there will be an increased volume of traffic using the A591 and turning into High Street, thus creating further problems.
5. High Street becomes one way, therefore, restricting access to the railway station, Lakeland and Natwest Bank.
6. Elleray Road becomes one way and all traffic for Kendal, Lakeland, the railway station, etc must turn right out of Elleray Road.
7. The pedestrian crossing on the A591 is in the wrong position as the majority of people cross from Natwest Bank to Orrest Head.
8. The loss of car parking spaces on Church Street and High Street is not acceptable.
9. The loss of access for unloading at some of the shops on High Street and Church Street is not acceptable.

10. Traffic lights causes congestion, as experienced at Waterhead and in Kendal and this will make the current situation worse.

Possible Solutions:-

1. Traffic for Kendal should not be allowed to turn right out of Elleray Road onto the A591.
2. Traffic from Ambleside for Windermere should continue to turn right into Elleray Road, to reduce the congestion at A591 and High Street.
3. Traffic from Elleray School should be allowed to turn left or right onto the A591.
4. The pedestrian crossing on the A591 should be between the Natwest Bank and Orrest Head.
5. High Street should continue to be two way traffic allowing access into the railway station and Lakeland without the necessity of going onto the A591.
6. The other improvements proposed for reduction in the tarmaced area at the A591 High Street junction can still be undertaken.
7. The proposals for the cycle lane along the A591 can still be undertaken.
8. The improvements to allow traffic to turn right at the bottom of Victoria Street into Elleray Road can still be undertaken.
9. It is presumed that the street lighting and pavement surfaces will be the same as Crescent Road.

Crescent Road Enhancement Plans

Problems with the current design:-

1. Loss of parking spaces on Crescent Road.
2. Change in parking from one side of the road to the other is unnecessary and results in loss of car parking spaces.
3. The changes in road levels is unnecessary and there should be one level from beginning to end of Crescent Road without the humps.

The good parts about the proposed enhancement are:-

1. Widening of pavements for pedestrians and pedestrian crossings wherever possible.

2. Improvement in pavement surfaces.
3. The provision of traditional lighting.
4. Extension of the pavement by the Lighthouse.

What needs to be done:-

1. Change direction of traffic in Beech Street between Main Road and Crescent Road, if the cut through by WH Smiths and Barclays Bank is to be closed.
2. Provide parking spaces in Birch Street by Triarom.
3. Increase seating for the residents and shoppers.
4. Environmental changes to be made in Main Road so that there is uniformity in the village and possibly also in Victoria Street and Church Street.
5. Reduce the number of street signs.
6. Improve signage for car parks.
7. Fix street lights on buildings where possible.

Yours sincerely

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