

Dear Councillor Reynolds,

I have read your report on the situation at the A5199 Shearsby crossroads and I can confirm full agreement with its objectives from Saddington Parish Meeting.

Under today's road traffic conditions, the junction presents a very hazardous situation, and clearly with the increased traffic that will result from increased housing in the area, that hazard will increase proportionately. I use the junction every workday myself, and so I know from first-hand the issues and the number of near misses that I have observed.

As cited in your report, there are several contributory factors that make a bad situation worse, and something clearly needs to be done to improve the situation. Adding warning signs or changing the local speed limit may help a little, but these measures on their own are unlikely to solve the issue in the long term.

Obvious structural improvements that could be made could include:

- stagger the junctions
- widen the junctions to provide right turn zones, etc
- install traffic lights, either peak time operating or full time operating
- install a roundabout

The final selected solution will need careful consideration of all the design options and issues - improved safety, feasibility, cost, etc, but Saddington strongly concurs that it is high time that the authorities put this junction higher up the priority list and take remedial action before the next fatality occurs.

Very best regards,

Chris Carter

Chairman, Saddington Parish Meeting