

Loesloft Road Safety Gr

The first topic was the traffic along Belvedere road especially in the evening where the two lanes merge to one. Suggested ideas were to have larger signage stating to stay in lane until the merge point. It was felt that some of the problem arises from merging before the point so cars in the left-hand lane wait longer due to vehicles in the right-hand lane merging earlier and others continue until the last moment and then merge. This also causes vehicles in the left-hand lane not to allow cars to merge as they are fed up with waiting. It was felt that if the signage was larger drivers may take notice and merge at the correct point, one on one, aiding to a smooth merge and less waiting in the left-hand lane.

The only merge in turn sign is considerable small and off to the side of the road it was felt that these signs need to be larger and closer to the road, so drivers would see them.

The group are aware that only registered British Road signs are allowed and that 'stay in lane' and 'merge in turn' are registered.

It was suggested that Mary Evans to be involved to see the cost of these signs and locate them at the side of the road visible to drivers.

It was agreed that drivers' attitudes are beyond anyone's control but maybe re-education through fines when unable to clear the yellow boxes may help.

It was asked if possible to consider the change of the times for the lane control on the bridge as traffic backs up in the morning to sparrows nest up to and past 10:30 when traffic from south to north has cleared as most people are at work by then and the school run has ended.

It was also suggested that changed the times more than once during the day would help traffic control but agreed after debate this would be confusing to drivers and lead to accidents. It was agreed there are far too many sets of lights in a short space of time (8 from the Asda roundabout to the Kajawyc way junction)

The next set of road works due Monday closing station square are of a major concern. It was felt that if the lights as switched off – and it was confirmed today they will not be – that traffic would run smoother as the only time these would be on red would be at pedestrian priority when needed to cross the road.

It was stated the traffic light will not be turned off as they form an interictal par to the traffic pedestrian light management and bascule bridge system both sides of the bridge will be needed for traffic management – quote from Ali Smith Network Inspector Mobbs way.

It was stated that it is understood about leaving the lights on allowing other routes to work correctly but the main ones could be covered, and use temporary lights used for pedestrians.

Again, it has been suggested to invite Mary Evans to come and have a look

The recent comments from the group feel the temporary pedestrian lights are the answer and they are asking for Peter to get on board to add weight to this suggestion

Concerned