



Issues regarding a Drop Off Zone on an A30 lay-by East side

The A30 road is a busy road in rush hour times between 8.00 and 9.15 am in the morning and in both directions north and south. The present layby parking space costing in excess of £146,000 between the roundabouts was partly taken from existing road. There remains on this trunk road between the roundabouts two lanes which facilitate travel in both directions but each of which is narrower than before. There exists a layby on the opposite side of the road to the new parking laybys. In addition H.C.C. provided a path from the layby to the school over school grounds which is and can be secured.

The problem is as follows:

- 1 The school rush hour is contained in the commuter rush hour and runs from 8.05-8.45.
- 2 The layby as it stands may take up to three or four cars at once.
- 3 The school has tripled in size over the last six years. However, spare capacity is now only 4 places and so it will unlikely to expand further.
- 4 The numbers wishing to use the proposed drop off point in this time zone is a function of arrival times and possibly departure times in such a busy period.
- 5 The near certainty of back-up into the main road and blocking the commuter Traffic would create major planning safety concerns in excess of other safety considerations.
- 6 There are now approximately 113 families with children in the school and though some walk to school the nature of the number of potential cars becomes clear.
- 7 The Head Teacher has proposed donating land to extend the A30 layby. This would be prohibitively expensive and even if undertaken might provide an additional four places only which would not seriously address the problem.