ALFRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Intro**

APC remains implacably opposed to any traffic light scheme

Because ESCC scheme make High St less safe, creates more problems than seeks to solve, has no consideration for special quality of Alfriston

Cars on green light - no consideration for other users

Increased speed

More dangerous to turn out of Star Lane as faster Northbound traffic on green light - Star Lane heavily used not just by vehicles - SDW

Rat running round back of village

Square becomes less pedestrian friendly therefore less safe for pedestrians etc

Increased pollution - known increased by queuing traffic and stop start motors (recall previous experiment)

Northbound traffic queuing on blind bend at Weavers Lane

Equestrians/deliveries etc in traffic light zone still when lights change?

**Creates more problems**:

Scale of queue lengths that don’t exist presently (poss 200m for southbound (so lights at Star back to Dene Car park); 100m for northbound (VISSIM model report Oct 2017)

Queue length for South bound traffic equals tailbacks well into North St. North St junction with Sq: 4.4m width; Reformery to Mkt Sq 4.9m width - according to ESCC/ESH scheme designers = insufficient width for vehicles to pass.

Result of queuing traffic into North St: Northbound traffic will use Mkt Sq as de facto roundabout = jams as traffic builds up; dangerous turns into North St from Singing Kettle area; impossible turns into North St for larger vehicles; problems for bus stop; difficulties for those trying to access Dene car park if arriving from Drusillas; loss of space ESCC now acknowledge as important for quality of life of those who live and visit Alfriston

Single car parked outside Star = on VISSIM computer model (ESCC’s modelling) - logjam whole road within 30 seconds. Currently no parking enforcement in Wealden therefore cannot ignore

Make life more difficult/less safe for:

- equestrians

- deliveries

- bin lorry

- moving home

* private driveway/garage (Old Coach House & Somerset House)

- those turning out of River Lane (incl tractors) & from Norvetts (behind Business centre) (contractor vehicles)

**Alfriston special character**

One of prettiest, historic villages

Gateway to SDNPA

Only Grade 1 listed Market Cross in E.Sussex

Reliant on tourism

Traffic light scheme - both aesthetics and problems that will result from it will: destroy special character of village; will destroy tourism in village; hence why overwhelming majority of business owners strongly against ESCC scheme; hence why large proportion of those who live in the village (and especially in centre of village) strongly against scheme

**Conclusion re scheme:**

Computer modelling has adequately shown the number of major flaws in any traffic light based system and states in conclusion that queue lengths “something which may prove ‘undesirable’ given the significance of Market Square as a focal point for the town” (village!!)

Therefore abandon any further experiment as already sufficient evidence from modelling and local groups to show a traffic light scheme doesn’t work.

**Positive end:**

Work with APC and spend the significant sum of money (£85k) earmarked for traffic management in village on:

sensitive, sensible, workable traffic calming measures that include:

20 mph throughout village

gateways

village signs

different road surface and colour

2 way entrance to Dene car park (bottom end)

A scheme that will bring an end to some of the divisiveness over this issue

**IF PROCEED TO TRIAL (which we don’t advocate)**:

Please provide detail of how scheme will be evaluated:

Against what criteria will you measure your assessment as to success or failure:

MUST publish in advance of trial to ensure assessment is fair

MUST be pollution monitoring