

Stourpaine Parish Council Submission to

Dorset County Council Cabinet, 6th December, 2017.

Cabinet Members,

As with all other villages on the A350 we have been the silent majority. We have always understood the problem facing Melbury Abbas, sadly with no reciprocal understanding. The number of pinch points from Durweston Bridge to Shaftesbury has been the subject of debate, there are many, in the villages and in the areas between. In Stourpaine we have three coming up from Durweston Bridge, four or more on Steepleton Bends. Villagers pick up the detritus on a daily basis, from the near misses. Verges are being eroded and the road is having a facelift as I write.

Dorset County Council has publically stated, the A350 is not fit for purpose. Proposals 5 & 6 can only make a bad situation worse.

In the late 1960's Dorset County Council, through compulsory purchase, pulled down cottages in Stourpaine to widen the A350. As a village we had little say in the matter, this time we have said "no" to proposals 5&6. We hope on this occasion our voice will be listened to.

The A350 has the worst accident rate for a road of its type in Dorset, suggestions 5&6 can only increase this poor statistic.

The public voted for the two- way proposal.

Mitigation of a footpath and lights in Fontmell Magna would not work.

DCC's own comparison of option (8) risk score puts Option1 as best and option 6 as worst.

The economic and environmental cost of options 5&6 through delay and pollution would be on a greater scale than at present.

We are informed that both the FTA and RHA would be against options 5&6, they speak for the industry.

We would urgently ask you to take these and many other factors into consideration.

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