

A417 Missing Link: Planning Inspectorate Reference: TRO10056

This is a response from Daglingworth Parish Council to National Highways (NH) request for a Statement of Common Grounds in respect of the Parish Council's concerns arising from the A417 scheme.

There are three main concerns to which NH have responded and the Parish Council's comments are below.

1. Increase of traffic through the village. NH state that their traffic modelling suggests there will be 4% reduction in traffic in the village in 2041. This seems strange as the Missing Link will encourage drivers to use the A417 and therefore will exacerbate using the village as a shortcut. The residents are not aware of any traffic counts being undertaken in the village but the Parish suggests that a traffic survey be taken before the improvements and then one after the improvements to gauge the effect. The Parish has made an early submission to Gloucestershire County Council for a traffic order to secure a 20 mph speed limit. We understand the cost of this however is likely to be in the order of £10,000. Perhaps a contribution from the A417 scheme would be appropriate if the before and after surveys demonstrate that NP modelling is wrong.
2. Noise from concrete road surface: NH acknowledges that road noise will increase after the Missing link, though they say only marginally. However any increase would detrimentally affect the village. The NH assessment has however been based on average results from Daglingworth to Latton whereas the Parish believes that results should be taken in respect of the stretch of road immediately adjacent to the village. Again why not undertake a before and after noise survey and if it proves to be the case that more noise emanates than predicted the road surface will be changed.
3. Surface water runoff on Dowers Hill: The Parish agree that Dowers Hill is some way from the proposed improvements. The Council hope therefore that NH will investigate the possibility of any improvements as part of their normal operational duties rather than through this scheme's proposals. On this basis the Parish would withdraw this part of its objection.