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Last Summer I wrote to constituents about the dangerous **A33 Cart & Horses junction** in Kings Worthy. This time, I am writing with an update on where we are.

The good news is this - Hampshire County Council (HCC) have today agreed improvements, at an estimated cost of £103,000, to be funded in-part from developer contributions.

The plans, designed to improve road and pedestrian safety, will see;

- The **central reservation** (where cars wait to turn right onto the A33 towards Junction 9 at Winnall) enlarged.
- Vehicle activated **warning signs installed** on the A33 approaching the junction and coloured bar markings set at decreasing intervals to help reduce vehicle speeds and further highlight the junction.
- A proposal to lower the current 50mph **speed limit** to 40mph.
- Three new uncontrolled **crossings**, a renewed and widened footway link and a pedestrian island at the south of the A33 / Lovedon Lane / Park Lane junction.

Work is due to start before the end of this year and should be completed **by June 2015**.

It is true I have devoted a great deal of energy to this campaign since I was elected which I think was right given the wide level of public anxiety about safety here, including among my own family who use the junction on most days. It is good that we now have a promise of action from the county council and I pay tribute to local councillors from all three parties who've worked (more-or-less) as one with me to make the case for these changes.

I do extend my thanks to **Cllr Sean Woodward**, from HCC, as well who visited the junction at my request within an hour of being appointed as Executive Member for Transport last year. He has listened to the concerns – and seen the plans - of local residents.

And also to the **Secretary of State**, Patrick McLoughlin, whose visit to the spot last year was certainly a turning point. If you remember he took one look and called it a “nasty junction.”

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However, as I have said in the press since these plans were revealed, I would prefer to see a more **fundamental road layout change** here. But we now have these plans from HCC and I think we should support them. Personally, I see them very much as **part one** of something much greater if safety analysis after the changes do not show the kind of improvement expected by HCC.

My hope is, this programme of work will make things safer if we succeed in bringing the speed at which cars approach the junction right down. My view hasn't changed that, in the end, it is this which is the key to making this junction safer for all of us.

To be clear, this is not a revolution at the Cart & Horses junction but it is solid progress. You can find out more about this initial scheme at www.stevebrine.com/a33, and of course, get in touch with me via any of the contact points below.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Brine

MP for Winchester, Kings Worthy and Itchen Valley

*PS - In other news ... on **Saturday 20th September** I will be chairing a second **ASKtheNHS** meeting in Winchester looking at possible changes at our hospital. This session is focused on obstetric and maternity care. See more and register www.stevebrine.com/asktheseries*



Secretary of State for Transport, **Patrick McLoughlin MP**, came to Kings Worthy with me in November 2013.

Patrick said; "There is clearly widespread concern among Steve's constituents about safety at what looks like a nasty junction and he is obviously working hard to find a solution. I have asked him to keep me briefed on developments."



Cllr Sean Woodward, Transport Cabinet Member at Hampshire seeing the junction for himself last year.

Sean said; "This is the first problem location that I visited within an hour of being appointed as Executive Member last year. I was invited by MP Steve Brine and agreed that something needed to be done."