

Appendix A -

Parish Council Meeting 4th September 2023

Item 6a – Bantham Swoosh

Parishioner comments on 2023 Bantham Swoosh Traffic:

8 July 2023

At about 09.00 traffic was travelling SW between Elston Cross and Whitely Cross when this was not permitted.

A "No Entry" sign was present at Elston Cross, but, I believe, only on the up side of the road, easily obscured by traffic emerging from Thurlestone.

No personnel on duty at Elston Cross.

At about 13.00 traffic was travelling SW between Elston Cross and Whitely Cross when this was not permitted.

No personnel on duty at Elston Cross.

Potentially traffic could be joining this road at Huxton Fork if it was not protected by appropriate signage

The road traffic management personnel sat in a van at the junction with the East Buckland road were informed and they were requested to confirm that signs were in place at Huxton Fork, which they did in the affirmative.

At about 13.30 traffic was travelling SW between Elston Cross and Whitely Cross when this was not permitted.

At about 13.45 observations showed that NO signs were in place at Huxton Fork contrary to the road traffic management personnel's contention.

Road traffic management personnel advised that Huxton Fork and Elston Cross were out with their area of responsibility, but undertook to alert their management.

At about 14.00 emails alerting the dangerous situation sent to Swim Collective and Level Water which also requested confirmation of their receipt.

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In the absence of any response to the emails to Swim Collective and Level Water, they were repeated.

Level Water phoned back and was given the above observations orally, which she promised to record and confirm her understanding in writing.

3 Aug 2023

Confirmation from Level Water still awaited.

I hope we can do everything possible to make the Bantham Swoosh, if repeated, a success; a little inconvenience for residents should not be a problem, but putting people in danger is NOT acceptable. If I recall correctly, the publicity material sent to residents emphasised the employment of "professional" road traffic management contractors. I feel that we have all been badly let down by them, especially the participants, who will have paid for those contractors, when a safe operation was not delivered.

I hope you find this helpful,