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Department for Transport's Response on Future of A3/Ham Barn Roundabout

Following a written Parliamentary Question from Damian Hinds about Department for Transport plans for mitigating increased traffic on the A3 at the Ham Barn Roundabout, Damian Hinds has learned that there are three options under consideration.

In a letter from Mike Penning, the Transport Minister, he was told that full-time signalling and removing the roundabout entirely (and thereby removing the A3/B3006 connection completely) would be considered in addition to retaining the existing system. The letter stressed that no detailed plans existed as yet and that the point was under 'ongoing study'. There is no indication that any one option is deemed likely.

The Minister also made clear that the Highways Agency would work in consultation with Hampshire County Council to ensure that local interests and sensitivities were taken into account as plans developed in the future.

Damian Hinds said:

"We know from the Department's own projections that the Ham Barn roundabout is expected to see traffic increase in the future, and as such I am glad to learn that the Highways Agency and the Department are making this an area of special study. It is clear to me that that changes to traffic patterns in the area will need to be carefully monitored and I look forward to seeing constructive proposals developed.

I know that many people will naturally have strong views on this, and I will of course be pleased to receive and pass on to the Minister specific points and representations from local residents.

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