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Dear Mr Steele,

Horsham Rail Station Forecourt Improvements Consultation

The views of the Horsham Society on the proposals for the forecourt at Horsham Station are very much appreciated. They have been included in the analysis of the consultation since it ended last week. We have prepared a report for presentation at the North Horsham CLC on Monday 13th September. This report will answer the points that have been raised during the consultation and will cover many of the questions that you raised in your response.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to additionally clarify some of the points you have raised in your correspondence.

The proposed setting down and pick up area is approximately 30 metres long and would take about 6 vehicles. We are looking at the north car park to provide additional space and short term parking on station business. There will also be a new entrance to the station in the northern elevation as part of the internal works.

The pedestrian space on the eastern side of the interchange could have a waiting facilities such as a shelter installed. The operation of the setting down area would need to be monitored to see how it operates especially the entrance from the roundabout.

The location of the taxi rank is being reviewed to see if the taxis can use the eastern side to accommodate accessible taxis. This would have implications on the layout of the setting down bays, this is being reviewed.

The proposed cycle shelters are in addition to the existing provision at the station and Southern are looking to upgrade to hoop stands which are more secure or double deck to provide more capacity. The landscaping is proposed to deal with level differences and drainage that would be associated with providing a footway on a gradient that could be hazardous for pedestrians.

We can review the signage for pedestrians and would want to increase the level of street clutter but need to provide wayfinding information for pedestrians. There is a fine balance needed to achieve this.

The maintenance of the roundabout island including the landscaping will be passed on to the local Area Highways Office to consider.

Again, thank you for the comments received from the Horsham Society as they are useful in shaping the scheme as it progresses.

Below is a link to the County Council's Talk with Us website where the agenda and report for North Horsham CLC can be found:

<http://talkwithus.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/north-horsham/meetings---agendas>

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