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By email
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Highways Agency

Dear Sirs

RE: A35/SEA ROAD SOUTH, BRIDPORT, DORSET DT6 / FOOTPATH W5/5

Thank you very much for responding to our concerns and for your full reply.

We note that you are in the process of developing a study of the connectivity between the Crown and East Road roundabouts which all seems very helpful and sensible.

However, you fail to address our specific concerns about a well-established and used footpath W5/5 exiting straight onto the A35. We simply wish to warn drivers that there is a footpath up ahead and pedestrians will be crossing the road there. You indicate that there is a signal crossing at the East Road roundabout, but there is no footpath on the west side of the road for 100m in the direction of the traffic lights.

You also say that there is a pedestrian island at Pasture Way which could be used, but this is also not helpful, because this is some distance from the footpath crossing and, in any case, again there is no footpath to reach the Pasture Way Island on the west side of the road. Realistically, the vast majority of pedestrians using the footpath will continue to cross directly over the road.

We would appreciate you urgently reviewing our concerns and let us know when you could put up the appropriate signage to warn drivers about pedestrians in this area.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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