

Proposal to Improve Road Safety at the Junction of Appledram Lane South and Dell Quay Road

Community Highways Scheme Application

Introduction

Residents and regular users of Appledram Lane South have raised concerns about safety at the junction with Dell Quay Road. In response, we are seeking community support to investigate whether the existing **Give Way** control should be replaced with a **Stop** control as part of a Community Highways Scheme application to West Sussex Highways.

This proposal aims to improve road safety by requiring drivers exiting Appledram Lane South to come to a complete stop before joining Dell Quay Road.

Why Is This Change Being Suggested?

The main concern is the limited visibility available to drivers when emerging from Appledram Lane South.

Although Dell Quay Road is a relatively quiet rural road and is not classified as a major route, visibility at the junction can be restricted. Drivers often need to edge forward carefully to see approaching traffic, particularly when visibility is affected by the alignment of the road, hedgerows, vegetation, or other roadside features.

Many drivers already stop at the junction before proceeding because they do not feel they have sufficient visibility to safely assess approaching traffic from the Give Way line.

What Is Being Proposed?

The proposal is simple:

- Replace the current **Give Way** sign and road markings with a **Stop** sign and Stop road marking.
- Require all drivers exiting Appledram Lane South to come to a complete stop before entering Dell Quay Road.
- Consider additional measures, such as vegetation management, where appropriate to improve visibility further.

This would create a clearer and more consistent approach for all drivers using the junction.

How Could This Improve Safety?

Introducing a Stop control could provide several safety benefits:

Better Visibility Assessment

Stopping completely allows drivers more time to look carefully in both directions before entering Dell Quay Road.

Greater Driver Awareness

A Stop sign provides a stronger reminder to drivers that extra care is needed at this location.

Increased Protection for Vulnerable Road Users

Dell Quay Road is regularly used by:

- Cyclists
- Walkers
- Horse riders
- Agricultural vehicles

A mandatory stop may help drivers identify these users more easily before pulling out.

Greater Consistency

A Stop control would formalise what many cautious drivers already do, ensuring a more consistent approach by all road users.

Community Feedback

Local residents have reported concerns about:

- Restricted visibility at the junction.
- Difficulty seeing approaching vehicles.
- Near misses and close calls.
- The safety of cyclists, pedestrians, and horse riders.
- The need for greater caution when exiting Appledram Lane South.

The purpose of this proposal is to gather evidence and community support so that West Sussex Highways can formally assess the junction and determine whether a Stop control is justified.

What Happens Next?

Before any change can be considered, a Community Highways Scheme application must be submitted to West Sussex Highways.

As part of that process, supporting evidence is required, including:

- Photographs showing visibility concerns.
- Comments and experiences from local residents.
- Information about any near misses or safety concerns.
- Parish Council support.
- Traffic and safety assessments undertaken by the Highway Authority.

Public support will help demonstrate that this is an issue of concern to the local community and that a review of the junction would be worthwhile.

Conclusion

The junction of Appledram Lane South and Dell Quay Road presents visibility challenges for drivers emerging onto Dell Quay Road. While many road users navigate the junction safely, there is a growing concern that the current Give Way arrangement does not adequately reflect the caution needed at this location.

By seeking the introduction of a Stop control, the community is asking West Sussex Highways to review the junction and consider whether additional measures could improve safety for all road users.

We encourage residents and regular users of the junction to share their experiences and support this proposal so that a Community Highways Scheme application can be progressed for formal consideration.