

Parish Council Report

Subject: Bollards and Cycle Stands at Borough Cross

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1. Background

In 2020 with the permission of Wiltshire Highways and the work being done by them, the Council agreed to pay for the installation of additional bollards and cycle stands around the pedestrian area in front of the Co-op and Borough Cross to deter vehicles, mostly vans, from parking on the area and to improve the safety for pedestrians. The designs were completed in December 2020 and the order placed.

The Council has since been advised that the supplier, Broxap, has not been able to source the metal Neston Bollard due to “foundry issues in China”. But it is having a new Neston bollard pattern made at one of the other foundries it uses but it will be around another 5/6 months before it has them in stock.

Broxap can, however, still supply the bollard in a plastic form which will look very similar to the metal version from a distance. The Highways Engineer dealing with this, Paul Shaddock, advises that the plastic versions of all bollards should require less ongoing maintenance than metal bollards as they don't rust and therefore won't need repainting. They also have a better HIC (head injury criterion) value than metal bollards if a pedestrian's (or cyclist's) head was to strike them.

Broxap is the only company which supplies the specific Neston style of bollard, of which there are many in Downton, so if the Council were to insist on metal, it would have to choose a different supplier and a different design for immediate order. If there was a requirement for metal bollards to be used at the location in question then the following (amongst others) supply metal bollards – Marshalls, Furnitubes, the Cast Iron Company.

Please note that there is an ongoing task being arranged for all existing bollards across the parish to be re-painted. These will need to be done by operatives of Wiltshire Council as part of a parish 'sparkle day' when a team visits the parish to carry out specified tasks.

2. **Example Broxap Plastic Bollard** <https://www.broxap.com/neston-pu-bollard.html>



3. **Example Metal/Cast Iron Bollard** <https://www.broxap.com/neston-cast-iron-bollard.html>



4. **Example 10 year old Neston Plastic Bollards in Situ in Salisbury**



5. Options

To consider and agree either to:-

- a) Opt for plastic bollards supplied by Broxap which are available immediately.
- b) Opt for metal bollards available immediately of a different design supplied by an alternative supplier.
- c) Await the required 5-6 months for a new supply of metal bollards from Broxap produced by a different foundry.

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