

On the Sixth day of Christmas the Councils gave to me.....

6 Serious Accidents.....

We have already highlighted the dangerous junctions and design non compliances. However before you consider these let's take a step back over a year to a time when the details of the then Bermuda Connectivity Project was first investigated.

Even back then before a design was tabled JMP traffic consultants raised concerns regarding the safety impact of the Bermuda Bridge scheme in the feasibility study, unfortunately these concerns were NEVER included in any Cabinet Reports to either WCC or NBBC. Just so you are aware they are provided below:

- 3.51 Construction of the development, as well as opening it to the traffic will produce air and noise pollution and **increase roads accidents** and congestion around the site. The development will also affect residents of Nuneaton due to increase of pollutants related to traffic emission.
- 5.15 The current proposed parking arrangements at the new Bermuda railway station comprises some 30 on street marked parking spaces in St Georges Way. As the proposed bridge reopening will change the nature of St Georges Way into a **well used through route** it is **appropriate that on-street parking is removed where possible**. As such parking restrictions on St Georges Way will be appropriate as will a relocation of the proposed on-street into a dedicated car park. We consider

Unfortunately as well as changing the nature of St Georges Way into a well used through route, it changes the nature of residential streets across West Nuneaton and in particular Bermuda Road and The Bridleway.

Bermuda Road has a long straight and the average vehicle speed for this road is already up to 29mph even on street where they have to weave between parked cars that are a natural traffic calming feature. To clarify this means that half of drivers are travelling quicker than this on a streets and hence are travelling at 30mph or above



The facts

- Speed is one of the main factors in fatal road accidents
- In 2013, 3,064 people were killed or seriously injured in crashes where speed was a factor
- The risk of death is approximately four times higher when a pedestrian is hit at 40mph than at 30mph
- Fatal accidents are four times as likely on rural "A" roads as urban "A" roads

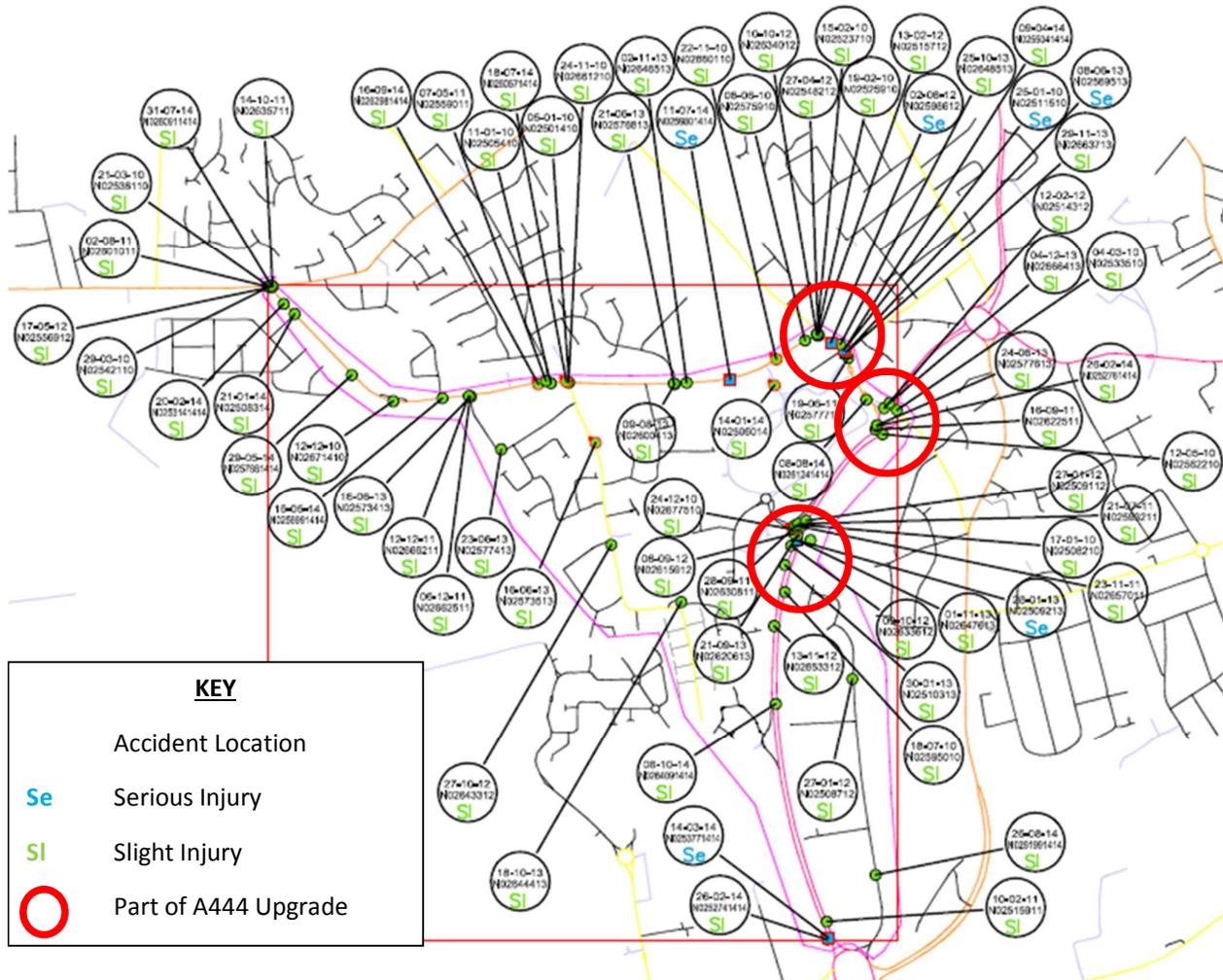
In addition, the latest Bermuda Connection proposals remove on-street parking that will significantly increase these vehicles speeds further. If you look at the existing non classified routes to the A444 these are all traffic calmed or have speed cameras e.g. Tompkinson Road, Northumberland Avenue, The Raywoods, Greenmoor Road. Yet **NO TRAFFIC CALMING** of any kind is proposed for Bermuda Road or The Bridleway.

The THINK! Road safety campaign has some useful advice for drivers but we feel this is equally suitable advice for the elected members of highway officers signing off the Bermuda Connection in the knowledge of the evidence base against the Bermuda Connection.

- **Consider the consequences of causing an accident due to driving at excessive speed**
If you cause an accident you will have to live with the emotional consequences of deaths or injuries caused to others.

Earlier in the year the Bermuda Bridge Action Groups produced a Road Safety Briefing Note which is attached for your information

Accident statistics have been collated for the area affected by the scheme via a freedom of information request to Warwickshire County Council. Information has been provided for a 4 year period from 2010 through to 2014 (see image below from WCC):



Out of 71 personal injury accidents within the boundary above the following can be concluded:

- Only 4 accidents are within the residential areas of Arbury (0 serious injuries or killed).
- 2 Accidents are along St Georges Way (0 serious injuries or killed).
- 65 Accidents are along the main B4112 / A444 corridor (6 of these are serious).
- Over half of these accidents are at junctions that would be reconfigured and improved by the A444 corridor improvement that could be implemented by WCC instead of the Bermuda Connection Scheme.

It's a no-brainer – reject the Bermuda Connection and invest in people's lives and a long term solution in the upgrade of the existing A444 and junction blackspots rather than create accidents in local communities

FOUR DANGEROUS JUNCTIONS!

*See BBAG Road Safety Briefing Note attached to the main e-mail.

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