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**Traffic Mirror**

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All,

As agreed, I have spoken with the CW&C Planning Department to check whether planning permission is needed for the proposed traffic mirror on Westage Lane.

Basically they say it's a "grey area" complicated by the fact it's in a conservation area. Whether or not it needs permission will depend on the details of its design and location. We need to send them these details and they'll pronounce on whether it needs permission. Incidentally, if it does require permission, they say it will NOT be granted as the Highways Dept will object.

I've had a look on various websites including

<https://www.aspectsafetymirrors.co.uk/products.php?cat=7>

<https://www.safety-mirrors.co.uk/>

<https://www.pittmantraffic.co.uk/convex-mirrors.html>

<http://www.convex-mirrors.co.uk/>

<http://www.vialux-mirrors.co.uk/12-road-traffic-safety-mirrors>

and there seem to be a number of things to take into consideration when choosing a mirror, such as .....

- 1) What's it made of? Stainless steel, acrylic, polycarbonate, glass etc. Shatterproof? Coated? Anti UV? Budget /standard or superior/ deluxe?
- 2) What shape? Usually round or oblong. Wide angle?
- 3) What size? Depends where positioned, how far from the junction and angle of vision etc
- 4) What surround? Thick, thin. White or red and white or something else. Does it need a rain shield?
- 5) Does it have a guarantee / safety certificate?
- 6) How will it be fixed and where? Wall bracket? Post? Will it overhang the public footpath?
- 7) Who will fix it? Needs to be done carefully to get right angle and avoid sunlight blinding drivers. I have only found one specialist installer on the web and they only seem to do bulk installations. <http://www.convex-mirrors.co.uk/html/on-site-services.php>

I'm afraid I don't feel qualified to advise on these matters so how do you wish to proceed? Probably best if one or two Councillors lead on this and liaise with Guy Potter about location / fixing. Any volunteers?

If you choose a mirror and agree the location etc, I'll contact the Planning Department again with the details to ascertain whether permission is needed, and hopefully it will not!

Kind regards

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