



## Assets, Community & Environment Meeting

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To consider the proposed quotes for the replacement of the Finger Post on the London Lane / Broad Street junction

### 1. Introduction



The Finger Post located on the junction of London Lane (B2184) and Broad Street needs replacing. Finger Posts are traditional English wooden signposts. These posts are traditionally made from cast iron or wood, with poles painted in black, white or grey and fingers with black letters on a white background, often including distance information in miles. In June 2005, the Department for Transport and English Heritage issued an advisory leaflet which stated that "All surviving traditional fingerpost direction signs should be retained in-situ and maintained on a regular basis. They should be repainted every five years in traditional black and white livery. Other colours should be used only when these are known to have been in use before 1940". Unfortunately, not just any sign company can produce or replace these Finger Posts. Only two quotes were received. A third company retracted

from quoting as they do not have the qualifications to dig into the roadway (which includes pavements/verges).

### 2. Quotes

Jakk Country Furniture Designs  
Hellingly, East Sussex

<https://www.jakkuk.co.uk/dept/finger-posts/>

Quote description:

New 10ft air dried oak post 7 x 7" £480

Refurbished post cap £45

New hardwood medium finger £100

New hardwood large finger £115

New letters 3mm acrylic 40 @ £1.40ea  
Post Protector £75  
Removal/disposal of old post £45  
Digging out new post hole £60

Total £976 + VAT  
(detailed quote attached)

Finger Post Signs Ltd  
Surrey

<https://www.fingerpostsigns.com/hardwood>

Quote description:

Made from seasoned hardwood including the ships oak dowels.

The oak post is installed into a drainage foundation of granite chippings to double the lifespan of the oak below ground level as this process allows the timber to breath.

Black stainless steel screws are used to attach the lettering so no rust to stain the white painted signs.

The aluminium letters are blasted before etch priming them with the BAE Systems Etching Primer used on aircraft. The letters are then painted with a tough exterior black gloss paint. *(as opposed to using plastic resin letters that always end up breaking off and simply not fit for purpose, that are fitted with zinc plated screws which always end up rusting and staining the sign)*

Provision of a high specification finger post sign for life that is planed, sanded and painted with six coats of black and white air-breathing paint.

The signs are over an inch thick therefore much stronger as they are made from a single section of seasoned hardwood.

Total £1,895 (no VAT)  
(Quote attached)

### **3. Recommendation**

Both proposed companies offer high specification work. Jakk Country Furniture Designs were used and recommended to us by Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council for the replacement of the fingerpost located at the Ansty roundabout and were very satisfied with the result. Finger Post Signs Ltd have over 30 years' experience with making these Sussex signs and know how to achieve the best possible bespoke signs to perfectly match each road junction. They also have a Net Zero contribution by using Solar & Wind Generated Energy and their Surrey Hills Workshop is completely off the National Grid. Based on price only we would recommend using Jakk Country Furniture Designs.

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