

Westlands Roundabout Public Meeting

Thursday 21 November 2024 at Droitwich Rugby Club

Comment	Expressed concerns with Meadow Road turning	Constructing table across Meadow Way and one-way closure in place for traffic management until mid-January.
Question	Why not a flyover or footbridge?	Flyover was suggested in historic plans from the 1970s and not progressed. Footbridges are subject to rigorous construction guidelines Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) also Inclusive Mobility and LTN1/20 guidelines and would require 150m of ramp to meet required gradient and therefore it isn't practical as the land isn't available.
Question	How many pedestrians cross the roundabout at that location and what is the number of vehicles using the road?	Previous survey in 2019 indicated that 69% of pedestrians cross at that specific area which equated to around 500 persons daily. Action to check figures for car usage.
Comment	Recognise obvious need for crossing to make it safer for parents, children, old people and disabled but feel there has been a lack of communication regarding the traffic management,	Action to look at how we can improve communications for future minor infrastructure schemes

Question	What consultation has there been with the public?	The scheme was outlined in the Local Transport Plan (LTP4) and subject to consultation in 2017. From both a technical and financial perspective, this is not a big scheme as classed as a minor infrastructure scheme. Action to strengthen communications before minor infrastructure schemes start.
Question	What is the land issue and will it delay the scheme?	A thin length of land is required to widen the footway and land negotiations are well underway. Fortunately, this will not delay the completion, as the existing footway can continue to be used, whilst this is resolved.
Question	When the scheme is completed, what happens if there is a negative impact, especially on businesses?	We will continue to monitor the scheme post-completion and take further action if required.
Comment	Concerns raised that traffic will be stopped on the roundabout	An independent road safety audit (RSA) will be undertaken before the scheme is implemented and reassurance that any issues identified will be fixed. Action to arrange follow up meeting in March once scheme completed.
Comment	On Chateau route to roundabout there are issues with drivers dangerously cutting in.	Action to see what we can do to reduce this. By passing it to the Road Safety Team for review.
Question	Were sequential lights considered on the roundabout?	The use of sequential lights is not a cheap option and therefore not considered for this minor infrastructure scheme.

Question	What is the cost to local companies whilst the works are being undertaken?	The scheme will improve access for pedestrians and cyclists.
Comment	The traffic issues at Copcut were raised.	Commitment to look at what we can do in the new Council post-elections.
Question	What consideration has been made for crossing on the other side of the roundabout?	Majority of pedestrians don't cross at the other side. Next year we will be seeking views to help influence a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Droitwich.
Question	What has been done to improve road safety on the approach to the roundabout?	We have reduced the speed limit from 70mph to 30mph, introduced a signing scheme to warn of the crossing ahead, installed taller signal heads and added High friction surface to increase road friction and reduce the risk of skidding.
Question	Why was the lane from Big Bear Plastics coned off?	This was a temporary traffic management measure to funnel traffic ahead of the works and has now been removed. This was carried out in line with Chapter 8, traffic management regulations for the safety of the Workforce and travelling Public.
Comment	Following the diversion signs brings you back on yourself.	Action to check diversion signs are in correct positions.
Question	Are the traffic lights intelligent?	Yes, there are sensors in the carriageway on the crossing approaches, which assesses the traffic flows and looks for gaps in the traffic before triggering. They delay changing to red if traffic is travelling too fast.

Comment	Concerns raised regarding traffic flow past fire station as traffic turning right at crossroads increases congestion. Suggestion it requires either a filter lane or no right turn.	Action to hold consultation session in Droitwich when developing LTP5 to address other concerns.
Question	Can WCC provide better signposting to the alternative walking route Kidderminster Rd by the shops to Berry Hill.	We will review this route and aim to get signing improved, where possible in the coming months.