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BURTONWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME

CONSULTATION CLOSURE DOCUMENT

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1. Introduction

As part of the Omega development monies were secured via Section 106 planning obligations on the developer to implement a series of traffic management initiatives within the Burtonwood area to deter through traffic and manage speeds through the village and surrounding road network.

The funding for the scheme has now been secured at a total of circa £1.15m and is a combination of the above Section 106 developer contribution, Local Transport Plan programme government grant funding and the remainder being paid for via Council capital borrowing.

In order to ascertain the views of the local community, a consultation exercise was undertaken on a series of draft proposals throughout the village. These included carriageway resurfacing, installation of traffic management measures, new pedestrian crossings at key locations, junction improvements, public realm enhancements, road markings, street lighting, signage and minor landscaping.

The consultation ran from Monday 17th September to Friday 12th October. Information was available on the project's own web page and views were captured through both a web based survey system and also via hard copy consultation questionnaires.

As part of this process 1700 letters were distributed to the local community, notifying residents of the exhibition dates, details of how to obtain information of the scheme and how to provide feedback.

Two staffed events were undertaken at Burtonwood Community Centre on the following dates;

- Tuesday 25th September from 2pm – 7pm
- Tuesday 2nd October from 2pm – 7pm

The events were well attended by residents and a number of themes were noted by Council Officers at the events during conversations, which have been captured under Section 3 of this document.

The below provides a summary of the responses provided by the local community on the proposals. We thank the local residents for attending the exhibitions and submitting comments in order to ensure the proposals taken forward address the concerns of the local community wherever possible.

Please note – as part of GDPR, some of the information submitted is protected, therefore the summary provides a series of themed issues raised by the local community rather than individual personal responses.



Consultation – Questions Asked and Responses

Question 1. Please select boxes as appropriate		
	Yes	No
Do you agree that speeding and traffic volume is an issue in Burtonwood?	96.1%	3.9%
Do you agree that a traffic measures should be implemented through Burtonwood?	94.2%	5.8%
Do you agree with the use of Mini Roundabouts in Burtonwood?	72.0%	28.0%

Question 2. If so do you agree with the use of Mini Roundabouts at the junctions of:		
	Yes	No
Clay Lane with Gorsey Lane	66.7%	33.3%
Fir Tree Lane with Farmers Lane	64.6%	35.4%
Fir Tree Lane with Alder Lane	73.5%	26.5%
Lumber Lane with Hall Lane	61.7%	38.3%

Question 3. Road humps (Tabled junctions) are proposed at key locations along the route. The ramps will be designed in an ‘S’ shape to allow a lesser grade ramp for wider vehicles such as emergency service vehicles and buses and a steeper ramp for cars.		
	Yes	No
Do you agree with the use of Tabled Junctions along the main route through Burtonwood?	74.5%	25.5%
Do you agree with the use of S-ramps for the Tabled Junctions?	66.0%	34.0%



Question 4. Do you agree with the provision of tabled junctions at:

	Yes	No
Clay Lane / Hayley Road South?	73.5%	26.5%
Clay Lane / Hayley Road North?	71.4%	28.6%
Clay Lane / Gorsey Lane?	74.5%	25.5%
Chapel Lane / Phipps Lane?	79.6%	20.4%
Chapel Lane / Perrins Road?	75.5%	24.5%

Question 5. Please select boxes as appropriate.

	Yes	No
Do you agree with the use of White Picket fence style gateway features on all road verges entering the residential sections of Burtonwood?	80.4%	19.6%
Do you agree with the proposed provision of a zebra crossing on Clay Lane just north of Gorsey Lane?	98.0%	2.0%
Do you agree with the proposed provision of a Toucan Crossing on Clay Lane by St Michael's Parish Hall?	96.0%	4.0%
Do you agree with the use of road narrowing chicanes to slow traffic heading into the village on Clay Lane south of Hayley Road South?	73.1%	26.9%
Do you think more features to manage speed and traffic volumes are needed than proposed?	68.6%	31.4%



2. Formal and Other Written Consultation Responses

The below provides a summary of some of the reoccurring themes/issues raised by via the consultation process, with subsequent responses from the Project Team on whether the issues can be included or addressed as part of the overall project, or reasons why they cannot be considered at this stage.

Issues Raised by Residents	WBC Response
Can additional crossing points be added to the scheme, in particular around the Perrins Road junction and Fir Tree Lane near the rugby field	As there is no footway along the eastern kerb line this will not be feasible as part of the proposed works.
Why can the existing HGV restriction not be enforced, HGV's still regularly use the village	Enforcement of any moving violations falls under the remit of Cheshire Constabulary, the Council will work with the Police to request whether enforcement can be undertaken in line with other Police commitments and priorities.
Can Speed Camera's be installed within the village area on certain roads	This has been previously assessed by the Cheshire Road Safety Group (Camera Partnership) against the recognised approved criteria; unfortunately this is not an initiative that can be progressed within the village at present.
Why are no measures being proposed for the Collins Green – traffic speeds and volumes are high	Various measures have now been included on Penny Lane and Penkford Lane – these include a raised junction, flat top road humps and road humps. The proposals also include the removal of the chicane for northbound traffic on Penkford Lane.
Can parking restrictions be installed in the vicinity of Chapel lane / Perrins Road junction and Weymouth Road	Various restrictions are proposed as part of the main scheme to address specific parking issues, or as part of the overall management scheme. Other locations will be reviewed as part of any future traffic management initiatives with appropriate measures progressed if required.
Can drivers be made aware of the speed limits within the village, with additional signage or road markings where possible?	All speed limit signage complies with the current traffic signs regulations and general directions governing the size of signs, locations of terminal signs/ repeater signs etc. As part of the scheme gateway treatments will be introduced to highlight key locations on the approaches to the village.



Concerns over the safety of the various measures being proposed, in particular the proposed zebra crossing on Clay Lane, due to the speed of traffic in the village.	As with any alterations on the adopted highway, road safety audits are undertaken in accordance with the current guidelines, to ensure that any amendments/proposals have a positive effect on road safety, reduce the level and severity of accidents and are appropriate for the stretch of road in question
Can some form of speed activated warning signs be installed as part of the scheme	Trials have been undertaken previously within the borough at various locations, unfortunately these were not always successful, with average speeds increasing in certain circumstances. Existing signs within the borough are funded by 3 rd Parties and not the council.
A pedestrian crossing is needed on Chapel Lane in the vicinity of the community centre	The feasibility of introducing a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the community centre will be included as part of the overall scheme
Can the existing chicanes on Penkford Lane not be reviewed by the Council, these result in traffic congestion and chaos on a frequent basis	Following a review of the existing measures, it is proposed to remove the northbound chicane as part of the project.
Lack of provision for a cycle/pedestrian route from Burtonwood to Omega or Gemini. WBC are Providing these throughout Warrington but yet again Burtonwood is ignored by the Council leadership. Safe cycle and pedestrian should be a key part of any traffic management system	A separate scheme to provide a footway/cycleway is being progressed which will provide a link to M62 junction 8 and the Omega and Gemini developments from the village. Negotiations are ongoing with the adjacent land owners to seek the additional land required to facilitate the proposals, with a resolution to utilise the Council's Highway Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers recently approved by the Council's Executive Board. Subject to the conclusion of these land owner negotiations and the CPO process the works are due to commence on site within the next 12 months.
What is proposed for the Penkford Lane / Pennington Lane junction? Can some form of traffic signals not be installed? Traffic regularly queues at this location.	Subject to funding, officers will assess the feasibility of introducing a scheme to manage the traffic at this junction, options include a traffic signal junction or mini roundabout. Whilst it will not be possible to fund via the current scheme budget allocation, options will be explored to potentially progress via future works programmes within the Council.



3. Summary Statement

Having assessed the responses to the consultation questions there is clearly strong support from the residents of Burtonwood for the scheme to be implemented.

A large number of written responses were also received some via the formal questionnaire and others via email direct to the project team responsible for delivering the scheme. These are set out thematically in Section 3.0 of this document and where appropriate changes have been made to the scheme based on the comments provided.

Other changes to the scheme have also been made due to the fact that Officers in parallel with the consultation process have undertaken further development works which have highlighted constraints which will mean that elements cannot be progressed. Most notably these are;

- Omission of the Toucan crossing facility to be replaced by a Zebra crossing closer to the Community Centre
- Omission of the mini roundabout junction proposed at Fir Tree Lane /Alder Lane due to safety concerns around adjacent driveways. This has been replaced with a raised table feature junction.
- Decision to implement an extended tabled junction at Clay Lane / Gorse Lane junction instead of a mini roundabout.

As funding has also been secured for the project in full it is now proposed that the scheme will progress in line with the revised masterplan – reference H17-019-100-01 Rev C, which has been published as a supporting document to this report.

4. Indicative Implementation Timescales

Following the completion of the consultation the following key milestone activities still need to be progressed prior to commencement of construction on site;

- Issue consultation closure document – 5 November 2018 – COMPLETE
- Letter drop to residents on consultation closure – w/c 5 November 2018
- Process Traffic Regulation Orders – Nov/December 2018
- Procurement of the construction works – December – January 2019
- Executive Board – Construction Contract Award – February 2019
- Start of Construction – April 2019
- Construction completion – Autumn 2019

5. Contacts

Should you wish to contact the Project Team please email us at burtonwoodes@warrington.gov.uk

