

Bathwick Hill/Copseland proposed Toucan crossing consultation meeting

18th June 2015 at 14:00

Keynsham Civic Centre

Attendees:

Steve Blackmore: B&NES Traffic Management manager

Alison Sherwin: B&NES Senior Engineer (Accessibility & Cycling)

Tasos Papaloucas: B&NES Senior Engineer

Cllr Steve Jeffries; Bathwick Councillor

Peter Bailey: Traffic management Engineer

Apologies: Cllr Matt Cochrane

Steve Blackmore (**SB**) explained that following the last meeting this meeting was to agree a way forward.

It was concluded that although there were strong objections to the proposed Toucan crossing by some local residents it was realised by the end of the consultation meeting that some type of crossing facility is required.

It is agreed that as a compromise a zebra crossing maybe the way forward as it is less visually intrusive. There are 2 options, one with the bus stop and layby adjacent to the crossing (location 1) and the other with the bus stop below the North Road junction (location 2) possibly maintaining the Right Turn lane facility for traffic entering North Road (this needs to be checked).

There are the following advantages and disadvantages of these options:

Location 1:

- Disadvantage – visibility around a stationary bus from North Road
- Disadvantage – no right hand turn Lane from Bathwick Hill to North Road which could cause traffic to back up.
- Advantage – bus stop off the highway will help to keep the traffic flowing.
- Advantage – squaring junction off at North road slow traffic down turning from Bathwick Hill into North Road & vice versa.

Location 2

- Disadvantage – Pedestrians from the bus will have to cross North Road junction and travel further.
- Disadvantage-vehicles will have to wait behind the bus or overtake which could potentially cause conflict with vehicles turning in and out of North Road.
- Disadvantage - If 2 buses are waiting at the bus stops on either side of the road at the same time the road would be blocked.
- Advantage – possibly can maintain a right hand turn lane for north Road (this needs checking).

Peter Bailey (**PB**) suggested that the orientation of the zebra was changed slightly to encourage people to use it. Tasos Papaloucas (**TP**) said this could be done.

TP also pointed out that if residents have concerns about light pollution from the zebra beacons, tunnel hoods could be installed to prevent any light from intruding to adjacent properties.

The cost saving for a zebra crossing instead of a Toucan is approximately £30-40,000.

Agreed the way forward is to develop the 2 options and update the works programme. Everyone attending the first consultation meeting will be informed of this and the reasoning. Cllr Cochrane will

then take the options back to the residents' associations from both sides of the crossings to get some feedback.