



Statement of Reasons

Traffic management and sustainable transport measures – Station Road (A432) / Station Road (B4060) / Kennedy Way (A432) / Westerleigh Road, Yate

Background

In January 2015 the Yate Town Centre Traffic Management and Movement Study identified a number of barriers to the efficient movement of pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and general traffic in and around the town centre. South Gloucestershire Council and Yate Town Council identified several transport related issues that were investigated as part of the study and as a result of development opportunities in the town South Gloucestershire Council has secured funding under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that may now be used to address issues highlighted in the study.

There have been just two recorded injury accidents on the roundabout junction of Station Road (A432), Station Road (B4060), Kennedy Way (A432) and Westerleigh Road in the last five years. However the junction is a critical intersection where concerns regarding the road safety of non-motorised users have been identified and where significant traffic congestion has been seen to occur. Traffic survey data shows that in a typical 12 hour period from 7am to 7pm, over 30,000 vehicles travel through the junction.

Purpose of the Scheme

To improve traffic flows through the junction, increase driver understanding of the layout, ease congestion and provide improved crossing facilities for vulnerable road users.

Proposed Scheme

Re-design of the road markings and provision of new lane guidance signage on the approaches to the roundabout. To provide informal crossing points over the existing pedestrian desire line in Home Orchard, including a new kerb build out to narrow the carriageway on the northbound exit arm. To provide new puffin crossings on Westerleigh Road and Kennedy Way to address issues of severance highlighted in the recent study.

Drawing Reference

Drawing number T438-619-11 shows the proposed general arrangement of the scheme.

Timescale

Consultation is programmed for summer 2018 - subject to the outcome of which, legal notices for the proposed puffin crossings and implementation is programmed from 2018/19 into 2019/20. The consultation will be available on the council website at www.southglos.gov.uk/consultation