

6. Weston Transport Package

Jamie W explained that Weston Transport Package phase 1 is due final DfT approval in September following public consultation during July. The package consists of 5 sub schemes; A, B, C, D & E.

A) M5 junction 21 – inbound improvements to avoid motorway queuing and increase capacity by creating a through route from southbound carriageway to Worle around the roundabout. Also signalling controls on A370; Hewish and Weston bound traffic.

- Bus lane configuration on A370 – DS
- ASL's on A370 traffic light controlled junctions – JU

Agreed that issues remain for outward bound cyclists. It was noted that once completed the Tutshill Sluice crossing would be an alternative scheme for outward cyclists.

Jamie W advised that traffic surveys showed around 5 cyclists making the daily journey across junction 21.

B) Marchfields Way – Weston gateway and provision for dualling on existing road. Noted that the carriageway widths on Winterstoke Road are narrow when road reverts to two-way. Also noted that flush kerbs required at all access points along Winterstoke Road on existing off-road shared path which is the preferred route.

Drove Road roundabout's proposed spiral 3 lane provision will cause issues for on road cyclists. Toucan crossings at roundabout also need to be tidal to support pedestrians and cyclists.

C. Worle Station/south car park – bus routes 5 and 3 serve existing north side with 13 and 4 proposed to serve new south car park. Query regarding high frequency route 7 which isn't included in improvement arrangements. Also queries regarding likely charging for car parking, number of new car spaces and number of cycle stands (Refer to planning submission).

D. Queensway Worle – bus way improvements and bus only access through Queensway. Current toucan crossing near Priory School allows for road crossing but will need to make pathway provision near to McDonalds area. Public realm features to be relocated with co-operation and involvement of Priory School.

E. Locking Castle District Centre – bus lane priority with bus gate at lights on approach to roundabout from link road, also introduction of toucan crossing on Summer Lane (route 16) to benefit public transport and cyclists.

Members reminded of invitation to public for letters of expressions of support for Weston Package;

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Transport/Transport+planning/Road+improvement+schemes/westonpackage.htm>

(Agenda Item 7 Clevedon and Portishead Cycle routes deferred as significant part of future schemes envisaged in LSTF and listed below)

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8. Local Sustainable Transport Fund

WoE has submitted a larger project bid £30.4M (NS element £4M) to be considered for shortlisted by September concentrating on 3 key themes:

- Low Carbon Commuting
- Active and Sustainable Communities
- Transition to Low Carbon Lifestyles

The recent key component joint bid by WoE (£5M) to LSTF now confirmed as successful by DfT with provision of £750k funding for North Somerset for key commuter routes and improving strategic routes for walking and cycling to link major employers.

- Connect2 (sections 11 & 8) for Parsonage Farm and Weston Road.
- Up date provided by JU unfortunate regarding Ashton Court predicament, route will now be using existing estate roads.

Options appraisal exercise has been carried out on route near to Parsonage Farm (Section 11) alongside A370. Planning permission now being prepared. Section 8 –Cambridge Batch to Wild Country Lane, options appraisal exercise to be undertaken.

NB Cycle Forum comments welcomed – JU emphasised that the group's expressed views would be valued in consultation and planning submission.

- Improvements to the Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) Weston-super-Mare to Bristol route including installing Real Time Information (RTI) at 10 additional stops and expanding the RTI equipment to include all buses using the A370 showcase route.

5. NSC update/infrastructure programme

5.1 Cycling update July 2011 including funded projects provided by KC.

5.2 Specific reference to Local Transport Plan and programme update; KC provided an update sheet detailing works 2011-12;

1. Section 11 Festival Way, Yanley Lane to Ashton Court
2. Section 8 Festival Way, Wraxall and Long Ashton
3. Tuitshill Sluice
4. Strawberry Line Congresbury Yeo Riverbank
5. Charlton Drive Wraxall
6. Cross Moors path Nailsea to Clevedon
7. New Bristol Road/Summer Lane roundabout
8. Print updated NS cycle map

Discussion of issues including Scotch Horn improvements and provision of signing. DS explained that Nailsea Town Council was keen to identify and promote safe cycling routes in Nailsea.

5.3 Cycling Champion – KC reported that Nigel Ashton will be indicating in the near future which elected member would be interested in championing cycling in the district.

KS explained that all elected members will be receiving regular notice of the Forum meetings as soon as the 'E' communication for councillors 'Members Only' is underway. Press Office to be launching the two week publication very soon.

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9. AOB

North Somerset Local Access Forum

- MJ reported that plans for Weston Town Hall refurbishment had raised concerns for cycle parking provision at entrance. KC said that Development Control is now aware of the situation.
- MJ reported that Costa Coffee's development and the cycle parking issue had been resolved.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 22nd September 2011 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Nailsea BS48 4NG

Other items brought to the meeting now to be discussed at the next Forum;

- Nailsea cycle route proposals (DS)
- Cycle paths on highways – design criteria/standards (DS)

**Meeting closed at
7.30pm**