
Cabinet Member for City Services

31st July 2024

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetheron

Director approving submission of the report:

Director of City Services and Commercial

Ward(s) affected:

Foleshill

Title:

Foleshill – Blue Ribbon Island Cycleway and Signalised Junction

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive summary:

The scheme forms one part of the Foleshill Transport Package, the purpose of which is to deliver a programme of measures aimed at promoting active travel and public transport on the Foleshill Road corridor.

The works are to be undertaken to provide improvements to Blue Ribbon Island for the benefit of all road users. The improvements include:

- Upgrade of existing cycleway routes to comply with the requirements of LTN 1/20, by providing appropriate widths and segregation of cyclists and pedestrians and minimising conflicts.
- Improvement of the existing crossing facilities to provide segregation between cyclist and pedestrians, to minimise conflict and risk of accidents.
- Improvement of signalisation at crossing points on A444 and Foleshill Road North and Foleshill Road South. The signalisation will incorporate improved functions for disabled and visually/hearing impaired users.
- Improvements of signalisation around the roundabout to improve journey times for all vehicle times and to actively encourage road users to utilise the A444 corridor to Coventry City Centre.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

- 1) Approve the incorporation of a segregated footway and cycleway as part of the highway improvements connected with the Foleshill Transport Package.
- 2) Approve the works to the pedestrian crossing facilities as detailed in the report.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix 1 – Foleshill Transport Overall Plan

Background papers:

None

Other useful documents:

None

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel, or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

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1. Context (or background)

The Blue-Ribbon Roundabout scheme is part of the Foleshill Road Transport Improvement Strategy. This Strategy will improve transport links between Leicester Row and Blue-Ribbon Roundabout by means of a new cycleway along Foleshill Road, improved bus boarding facilities, along the route, improved junction facilities at Cash's Lane, Shortridge Drive, Lockhurst Lane and Broad Street and improvements to Blue Ribbon Roundabout for the benefit of all road users. The Blue-Ribbon Roundabout works will commence in Summer 2024, prior to the installation of the improved transport links along Foleshill Road.

2. Option considered and recommended proposal.

The original scheme context was provided by WSP, Consulting Engineers, and included a widening of the existing cycleway routes, however, further iteration of the design by Coventry City Council has provided a design more compliant with LTN 1/20. It includes segregation between cyclists and pedestrians over the whole roundabout and at crossing over A444 and Foleshill Road. It also improves links to the existing cycle network.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 The Scheme has been developed as a permanent measure. The Cabinet Member for City Services, the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, and Ward Members have all been briefed. Residents and businesses have all been notified of the proposals, and consultations were completed as part of the Foleshill Transport Scheme.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision.

- 4.1 If approval is given for the designation, the appropriate Scheme will be implemented in the 2024/25 financial year.

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law and Governance

5.1. Financial Implications

The costs for the scheme will be predominantly funded from the £4.5million City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements allocation to deliver the Foleshill Transport Package. Also, £365,601 has been secured in developer contributions from the nearby Little Heath housing development, with a further £220,000 (of which £158,000 is still remaining) having been secured from TfWM's KRN Improvement Fund.

There are therefore no additional financial implications for the Council arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.2. Legal Implications

- 5.2 The Council in its capacity of Highway Authority and pursuant to S.65 Highways Act 1980, may in or by the side of a highway maintainable at the public expense construct a cycle track which forms part of the highway. The Council may also light any such cycle track as it considers necessary,
- 5.2 In the event any pedestrian crossings referred to in this report are new facilities or are variations to existing facilities these will be installed or varied using the Council's powers set out in S.23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

6. Other implications

6.1. How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies/one-coventry-plan>

These proposals support the Council's core aim, as set out in the Council Plan, by improving health and wellbeing by helping residents lead healthier lifestyles by increasing the opportunities for cycling. In addition, the scheme will make the city more accessible for businesses, visitors, and local people through increasing mode choice. By facilitating access to the proposed new residential site, the scheme will also support the provision of new housing within the city to help meet strategic housing needs.

6.2. How is risk being managed?

There are no significant risks associated with the proposal.

6.3. What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4. Equalities / EIA?

The Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is completed and being evaluated. The new junction layout will improve pedestrian and cycle connectivity at this location including improvements to the signalised junction allowing crossing to become easier and safer to pedestrians and cyclists.

6.5. Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment?

The works will have a positive impact on the environment by improving the cycle network, making cycling a more attractive travel option for local journeys into the community and around the city, encouraging modal shift from car to cycling for such journeys.

6.6. Implications for partner organisations?

None

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