

### ASHBY ROAD COALVILLE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

#### SUMMARY

To seek views regarding proposed Highway Improvements along Ashby Road, Coalville, a public consultation was held between 10<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 local residents had the opportunity to meet with LCC and NWLDC Officers and discuss their points of view on the scheme proposals. Residents were invited to comment using an online questionnaire or complete a paper-based version.

The consultation exercise was publicised in a press release and on a scheme web page that provided a detailed explanation of the scheme along with a plan of the proposed works.

#### CONSULTATION RESULTS

The result confirms that the majority of respondents are in favour of the scheme:

- 77% agree Ashby Road requires improvements to the street scene
- 20% disagree Ashby Road requires improvements to the street scene
  
- 68% agree with the proposed package of work
- 27% disagreed with the proposed package of work

The following statements represent the common theme of those in favour of the scheme and were repeated on many occasions:

1. In peak periods, delays cause drivers to pull out around buildouts, to speed dangerously between them and to ignore priorities at mini roundabouts.
2. Large vehicles struggle to manoeuvre, and buses cause platoons to form preventing oncoming vehicles from making progress.

The following statements represent the common theme of those not in favour of the scheme and were repeated on many occasions:

1. Removing the traffic calming will increase road speed dangerously
2. The current traffic calming is working
3. Additional parking will restrict the road further

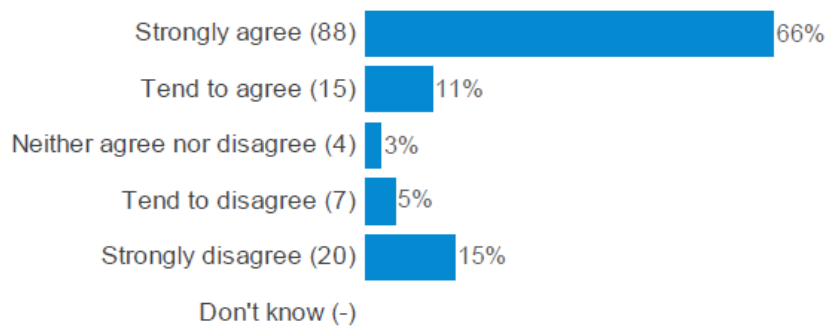
#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendation is to proceed with the scheme in line with the majority response of those who took part in the consultation.

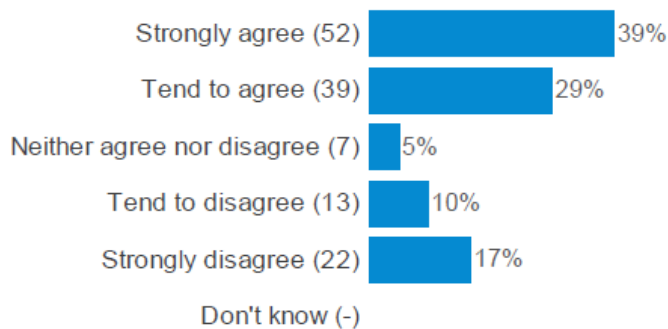
As such we seek confirmation from NWLDC their approval to deliver the proposals as shown on the consultation drawing (drg no. 0041.000.H1.1.3B), noting the comments from those not in favour of the scheme.

## QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS

**To what extent do you agree or disagree that Ashby Road (between Ravenstone Road to the junction with Belvoir Road) requires improvements to the highway streetscene?**



**Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed package of works?**



## MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

The questionnaire offered residents the opportunity to be more detailed in their response, asking the questions:

- Why do you say this (in agreeing/disagreeing)?
- What, if anything, do you particularly like about the proposed scheme?
- What, if anything, do you particularly dislike about the proposed scheme?
- Do you have any other comments?

## **SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM RESPONDANTS IN FAVOUR OF THE SCHEME**

- Priority narrowing's create traffic delays
- Vehicle emissions increase whilst waiting to pass through the chicanes
- Bus stop near island blocks road when the bus moves on the traffic behind blocks the oncoming traffic between the buildouts along the road
- Despite current calming measures, vehicles frequently speed which is counter intuitive to their original purpose
- Delays cause drivers to pull out around buildouts dangerously and to ignore priorities at mini roundabouts
- Rubbish collects amongst the greenery; when overgrown restricts footway to single file irrespective of cycles and pushchairs
- Bus stop opposite leather shop is in a ridiculous position
- Exiting ASDA car park looking right vision obstructed
- Scary at night walking by Snibston park people may be hiding in bushes
- Curbs are not disabled friendly
- Road markings are not clearly seen at night and during bad weather
- Congestion at peak periods, buses manoeuvring cause congestion
- Large vehicles block the road struggling to negotiate their way through
- Vehicles speed up racing through to get passed the restrictions
- The road is not wide enough with parked cars causing an obstruction
- Bollards are always down; temporary signs keep falling over; white lines fading
- Increased traffic now makes the present clamping more dangerous
- It's the main entry route into the centre of Coalville and its dreadful
- It will make the traffic flow more freely
- Consideration has been made for residents, schools, business and traffic
- The improvements are desperately needed
- At times emergency vehicles struggle to access Ashby Road
- Parking if either allocated or ticket machine operated
- Not having to avoid oncoming cars when its not there right of way

## **SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM RESPONDANTS NOT IN FAVOUR OF THE SCHEME**

- Removing chicanes will make it difficult to exit estate from Chiswell Drive
- Chicanes are a good idea to slow down the traffic, but safer crossings would be a big improvement
- The calming keeps the speed down, before it was like a speed track
- Existing road layout works, does what it was intended to do – slows down traffic
- This road is not a traffic bottle neck
- New developments are causing increased traffic problems
- Some parts of the road left as they are for safety reasons
- Elderly would find it difficult to cross the road
- It's a shame the street will lose all its greenery to be replaced with more concrete
- Why change something that works
- Increase in speed will reduce the level of safety
- Please consider the safety of school children this is paramount
- Removing the chicanes is going to increase speed
- Investing £250,000 in something that already works is a waste of money

## SUMMARY OF OTHER COMMENTS

- Consideration needs to be given to other measures which might improve road safety.
- Lack of rubbish (dog waste) bins along the street
- The mini roundabouts need addressing
- Address current parking in the wrong place which causes width restrictions
- Take the bushes away and replace them with a cycle way
- Move curb line to increase the road width and improve safety
- There is a lack of controlled crossing points
- Consider alternative traffic calming and zebra crossings

The result of the consultation is based on the following number of residents' views:

**In what role are you responding to this consultation? Please select one option only.**

