

**WCC Highways. Section 278 Program reference the A4177 Birmingham Road  
Community Forum Q&A's - 13 October 2023 Meeting**

	<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ANSWERS (TW/WCC Response)</b>
<b>1</b>	Why is the pedestrian crossing point located away from Old Hospital Road?	A Road Safety Audit has been completed to confirm the access and other elements of the design are suitable and safe.
<b>2</b>	Can an explanation be provided regarding the phrase 'Ghost Island' – Right hand lane on the highway?	A 'Ghost Island' is a major road central area that uses road markings to create an additional lane to allow traffic waiting to turn right from the major road into a minor road without impeding through traffic movement. Please note that the primary onus remains that for any driver wishing to take this turning /manoeuvre the driver must seek a safe gap in the traffic to join the flow.
<b>3</b>	How does the ghost island right turning lane work, and will drivers be able to turn right out of the new development?	The filter lane allows traffic to pull out of the westbound carriageway and provide a waiting area if required to allow for unrestricted flow along the west carriageway. Traffic can turn right out of the development.
<b>4</b>	Could the existing 40mph speed limit be reduced to a 30mph speed limit?	There is a requirement for the scheme to be designed in accordance with existing speed limits. Any amendments to the speed limit would fall outside of the scope of the current proposals and planning consent. This design has been based on a 40mph scheme limit. Any proposed amendments to the speed limit would require redesign.
<b>5</b>	What would happen to Emergency Services when the 24/7 traffic lights are in use?	Priority will be given during manned hours if an emergency vehicle requires access. During non-manned hours the emergency vehicles will, if necessary, access to pass through the work area.
<b>6</b>	How will the bus traffic be managed?	Traffic management will be manually operated, and priority will be given to school buses.
<b>7</b>	Can the digital dynamic display signs should go as far out as Solihull & Knowle to allow opportunity for HGV drivers to turn around before making through to the works?	Metal signage (A-frames) to be utilised in these areas from project start to end. Network planning to agree the locations and signage information.
<b>8</b>	What can be done to prevent motorists blocking the roundabout when exiting Charingworth Drive?	'Keep Roundabout Clear' signs have been installed on all three arms of the roundabout.
<b>9</b>	The roads Winderton Avenue & Barchester Drive will be used as rat runs, signage such as residents only should be erected to mitigate this.	Residents only signage have been installed at these junctions.
<b>10</b>	How will the works be coordinated with other works in the area?	Works will be co-ordinated. BT Openreach have been undertaking a fibre upgrade in the area, BT Openreach and Virgin Media have been diverted as part of the Pre works for the S278 Main works.
<b>11</b>	Can an alternative drainage construction method have used such as 'Thrusting'?	No. This is not a viable working method of construction for these works.
<b>12</b>	Can 'Beany Kerbs' be used on the entire project instead of standard kerbs?	No. They are not in line with the drainage requirements. 'Beany Kerbs' will not provide the storage capacity of the 600mm diameter pipe necessary within the design.
<b>13</b>	How can residents & motorists keep informed on the progress of the scheme?	Various mediums, letter drops will be carried out to those immediately impacted by the highway works. The Hatton Parish Council will be advised and copied in. Highway Notices are erected, interactive traffic signs where applicable and social media tweets where applicable. The WCC s278 web page can be found here: <a href="mailto:S278teamenquiries@warwickshire.gov.uk">S278teamenquiries@warwickshire.gov.uk</a> Regular updates on the scheme can be found at <a href="https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/A4177unionview">https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/A4177unionview</a> .  The Customer Service line is open from 8:00am - 6:30pm Monday to Friday and 9:00am - 1:00pm on Saturdays. WCC apologises in advance for any inconvenience these works may cause.

14	Will 24/7 lights be avoided in May/June to ensure children don't have an additional stress of worrying about getting on time for their final end of year exams?	Traffic management will be monitored. Priority will be given to school buses.
15	What is being done to deter motorists using Brownley Green Lane which is a narrow country road to avoid delays and queues. Brownley Green Lane is widely used by dog walkers from Hatton Park and deemed the high volume of traffic unsuitable and unsafe?	This is being monitored.
16	Was a traffic modelling carried out to determine the impact of the Contractor's proposed traffic management layouts?	Modelling exercise of the Contractor's proposed 2-way and 3-way traffic management layouts have been carried out.
17	During major incident on the M40/M46. Traffic normally redirects itself through Hatton, along the Birmingham Road. In such events can the TM be removed to allow a free flow of traffic in both directions?	If a 24/7 TM is in place this will not be removed. Removal of the 24/7 TM can only take place if there is an emergency and when it is safe to do so. In addition, the TM would be removed to prevent wider disruption in the road network. On both conditions, WCC Network Management would be satisfied that appropriate measures are in place to limit disruption.
18	Can we increase the number of 40mph signs along the Birmingham Road?	Current signage deemed adequate. However, we will monitor the signage within the works as the scheme progresses.
19	Can adaptive "Waiting time" electronic signage be added to the TM?	Showing adaptive journey times is possible. The Contractor (McPhillips) is currently looking reviewing.
20	Are we able to place a 50mph speed limit on the A46 to mitigate the risk of stacking traffic around Stanks Island, to prevent shunting on the A46 in peak hours?	This falls outside of the S278 scope of works as this is a National Highways route.
21	Can the installation of a 'yellow hatch box of Charingworth Drive / A4177 Birmingham Road' feasible?	This area falls outside the scope of the S278 works. However, the concerns expressed will be monitored during the highway improvement works.
22	Now that the highway improvement works have started, is there more clarity on the rough amount of weekend work that is predicted?	There are currently no weekend works planned on the Contractor's programme. However, some weekend working, and weekend road closures will be permitted during the works; advance notice will be given and notice boards will provide information.
23	What are these levels and are these levels the same as those set during the week?	The contractor would employ the best practicable means to reduce to a minimum the noise produced by his operations. The permissible noise levels specified in the contract on weekdays during the working hours of 08:00 to 18:00, and on Saturday between 08:00 to 13:00 is 85 decibels. The noise levels set out on Sundays and Bank Holidays is 70 decibels.
24	Where / how many noise monitors will be fitted?	WCC have been informed by Taylor Wimpey that there are currently two noise monitors. Both monitors are located close to Ebrington Drive and Tidmington Close. Taylor Wimpey advised the Project Team they will be moving one of the monitors near to the S278 works.

25	Where can the Construction Management Plan (CMP) for the Development works be found. Should this not be on the WDC planning portal?	The CMP for Taylor Wimpey's development has been reviewed at the planning stage by Warwick District Council. The information that you are seeking can be found on their website which is <a href="https://planningdocuments.warwickdc.gov.uk/online-applications/?_gl=1*1vmjp20*_ga*MTI4NDI3NDA5My4xNjk2MjU5MjYw">https://planningdocuments.warwickdc.gov.uk/online-applications/?_gl=1*1vmjp20*_ga*MTI4NDI3NDA5My4xNjk2MjU5MjYw</a> . The planning reference number that you would need to search in their planning portal is as follows: W/19/0933.
26	What are the mitigation actions for the construction management of the S278 works regarding dust from construction activities?	In times of dry weather, suitable plant machinery and equipment capable of keeping dust arising from the works will be controlled by means of a water sprayer / bowser.
27	Can 'Keep Clear' signage or 'Yellow Hatch' markings installed at the junctions of Ugly Bridge Road and Shell garage?	Keep Junction Clear' signs have been installed at the Ugly Bridge Road / A4177 Birmingham Road junction.
28	What are the mitigation actions for the construction management of the S278 works regarding mud on the road?	Existing roads used by vehicles of our Contractor or any of his sub-contractor or suppliers of materials or plant which are part of our works, and which are being used by traffic shall be kept clean and clear whereby possible in a works environment of excess dirt, mud/site materials. We would ensure that our contractor takes reasonable steps to keep the roads clear of mud on the road.
29	Will the operation of the traffic lights at Stanks Island (A46 junction with Birmingham Road) be altered in the event queuing becomes a problem during peak hours?	We will seek advice from WCC's Traffic Control and Information Systems Team to confirm if it is possible to alter the timings of the existing permanent signals on the Stanks Island in the event that queuing becomes problematic during AM and PM peak hours.