

Thornton Corridor Study

Update – November 2016

Introduction

Since our last update in July 2016, the work on the traffic issues in the Thornton area has been progressing well. Each of the issues raised with the Council has been or is in the process of being thoroughly investigated and assessed.

5 areas have been identified as follows:

- Moor Lane Area – including Chesterfield Road junction
- Quarry Road / Park View Area – including Edge Lane, Edgemoor Drive, Virgins Lane, Ince Road and Southport Road
- Broom's Cross Road roundabout
- Moor Lane roundabout
- Buckley Hill Lane

Progress to date

Assessment of the Quarry Road / Park View Area, Brooms Cross Road roundabout and Buckley Hill Lane is ongoing. This process has been intensive and involved investigation into each of the issues raised, reviewing statistics including traffic counts and road safety information. The assessment so far has identified some measures that could be used to tackle the problems reported. However the consequences of implementing these measures need to be understood, so that they don't create further problems. The deliverability of the measures in terms of likely public acceptability and the availability of funding also needs to be assessed.

Quarry Road / Park View Area

The following issues are being assessed including:

- Queuing traffic on Quarry Road and Park View
- Rat-running through The Crescent to avoid the Edge Lane signals in both directions
- Rat-running to/ from Ince Road to avoid queuing traffic on the Quarry Road / Park View junction and the Virgins Lane / Moor Lane junction.
- Rat running to Edgemoor Drive to avoid the Edge Lane / Moor Lane signal junction



- Pedestrian safety: large numbers of school children crossing Moor Lane to / from the High School.
- Queuing right turning traffic on Moor Lane (into Edge Lane) preventing straight-ahead traffic
- Vehicles blocking the junction at Virgins Lane and Edge Lane
- HGV's using Edge Lane and Lydiate Lane
- Stationary buses obstructing traffic eg the Bus Stop opposite Aldi blocking Crosby bound traffic
- Speeding vehicles on Brooms Cross, Park View, Quarry Road and Moor Lane especially at night.
- Defects in the road surface
- Parking issues in and around the Edge Lane signal junction
- Incorrect lane use eg drivers using the left turn lane but then going straight ahead at the junction.

Brooms Cross Roundabout

Traffic queuing on Park View during peak hours has been assessed and the additional issue of heavy circulatory flows blocking the roundabout will also be included.

Buckley Hill Lane

Options to improve the use of the link to Buckley Hill Lane as an alternative to Edge Lane/Green Lane have been investigated.

Next Steps

The next steps for the Thornton Corridor Study are as follows:

- 1 Internal consultation then approval of study report – November / December 2016
- 2 Proposal report – December/January 2016/17
- 3 Consultation with Ward Councillors on proposals – January / February 2017
- 4 Public consultation and consultation with Thornton Parish Council on proposals - programme to be identified based on outcome of points 1,2 and 3.
- 5 Implementation of the proposals - ongoing



To talk to someone

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