



# MEETING NOTES

<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>	70027531	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	21 November 2018
<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	M4 Junction 15 Improvements	<b>VENUE</b>	The Plough on the Hill PH
<b>CLIENT</b>	Highways England	<b>RECORDED BY</b>	Jamie Wyllie
<b>MEETING SUBJECT</b>	Walking, Cycling and Horse riders (WCHAR) Measures. Parish Councils Site Meeting.		

<b>PRESENT</b>	Chiseldon Parish Council - Denise Rogers, David Hill; Liddington Parish Council - Adrian Moore, Ridgeway Ward Councillor - Gary Sumner, Swindon Borough Council - Rob Rossiter, Steven Sanders, WSP Jamie Wyllie, Stephen Peoples
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	None
<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>	As above plus Adrian Simon, Highways England
<b>CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	<b>Public</b>

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION	DUE
1.0	<b>Purpose of the Meeting</b> Major highway improvements are planned at M4 Junction 15 and the A419 approach, due to commence on site Summer 2019. As part of the scheme design development a Walking, Cycling and Horse Riding (WCHAR) assessment and review have been undertaken in accordance with the latest Highways England standards This included consultation with local stakeholders.		
1.1	The WCHAR process identified several opportunities at and near the junction. These opportunities are intended to either accommodate the needs of WCHAR users at the junction or mitigate the impacts of motorised road traffic on WCHAR users near the junction. The desire to review WCHAR opportunities near the junction is recognition in the most recent Highways England standards that the trunk road network can generate traffic related problems for WCHAR users some distance away from the actual trunk road from factors such as rat-running traffic on unclassified roads.		
1.2	Though the WCHAR opportunities and design features at the M4 Junction 15 junction itself were outlined at the meeting, the purpose of the meeting was to seek local information from the two affected parishes on how the WCHAR opportunities identified through them could be realised within the budget and other constraints of this scheme. Intention was to meet in Badbury and walk through the affected route but poor weather in the day meant that the meeting was held in The Plough on the Hill public house.		
2.0	<b>WCHAR Opportunity: Right Turn Ban from the A346 northbound in to Badbury Village Junction</b>		
2.1	<i>Rationale: The northbound A346 approach to M4 Junction 15 often queues due to the volume of traffic. When the start of the queue reaches the Badbury village junction, traffic for local Swindon destinations can choose to rat-run via Badbury Village or the Ridgeway.</i>		

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2.3	A temporary right turn ban would be put in place whilst the Day House lane is closed during the Day House Lane bridge replacement works (necessitated by the junction improvement works). This would act as a trial for a potential future permanent right turn ban. Temporary signage for Badbury Village would be required for the duration. A future permanent closure would require changes to traffic orders and consultation with residents and businesses directly affected. Arrangements will be made for the temporary right turn ban during the construction period.	WSP	March 2019
2.4	An additional vehicle activated sign could be installed on the northbound approach to A346/ Ridgeway Junction to warn of the queuing traffic. We will investigate to see if this can be accommodated within the scheme budget.	WSP	March 2019
2.5	Passing Place improvements would be required on the minor road between the Ridgeway and Badbury Village prior to the temporary right turn closure as the minor road would be carrying more traffic.	WSP	March 2019
2.6	Some carriageway resurfacing along this minor road, outside Downsview Care Home would be very beneficial. We will investigate to see if this can be accommodated within the scheme budget.	WSP	March 2019
3.0	<b>WCHAR Opportunity: Review Speed limits and traffic management measures through Badbury Village and along Medbourne Lane</b>		
3.1	<i>Rationale: Local traffic avoiding M4 Junction 15 will continue to use Badbury Village as an alternative route. However, impacts through Liddington Village and onwards towards Commonhead Roundabout would need to be addressed by other developments and initiatives as they come forward.</i>		
3.2	We will look to refresh the ghost footway through the pinch point in the middle of Badbury Village (where the road is bound by two stone boundary walls). Also extending the ghost footway through to the Bakers Arms and the junction with Berricot Lane would be a low-cost measure which could have benefits. This could be a simple broken road marking line to highlight the presence of pedestrians, which would also formalise the on-road parking in front of the pub.	WSP	March 2019
3.3	Clearing of vegetation around the existing footway/cycleway connection between Dayhouse Lane and the Medbourne Lane at the M4 overbridge and dropping the kerbs at each end to offer an improved walking and cycling route will be included in the scheme scope of work.	WSP	March 2019
3.4	We will look to rationalise the speed limits through Badbury and along Day House Lane.	WSP	March 2019
3.5	We will Improve signage for NCN 45 around New Rd/A346 junction, along Day House Lane from Marlborough Road and possible re-routing through Coate Water Park. This would encourage cyclists onto a mainly traffic free alternative to M4 Junction 15.	WSP	March 2019