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**Kingston Park Road/Fawdon Lane junction improvements**

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the junction improvements at the Kingston Park Road / Fawdon Lane junction. This letter summarises the comments made and our response to them.

Comments	Response
<p><b>Road Widening</b></p> <p>People queried why the widening was taking place on one side and not the other, whether there would be barriers in place and also made a point that vehicles were driving too fast</p>	<p>We had focused the widening on the north side rather than the south side due to the proximity of utilities under the surface of the ground. We have been able to alter the design slightly to widen Kingston Park Road on both the northern and southern sides at certain points (see drawing 05C).</p> <p>The increase in width along the northern edge of Kingston Park Road is fairly small, and a substantial gap between the carriageway and the properties on the northern side will be retained. Another important issue is the difference in levels between the carriageway and the properties at Ancroft Way. The increase in the carriageway width will make very little difference in the level of hazards for the residents at this location. The existing vegetation provides a good level of mitigation against the risk of an incident; safety will be improved further as this matures. We will continue to monitor this area as the scheme is delivered.</p> <p>The existing speed limit is currently 30mph from approx. 50m east of the Kingston Park Road/A1 roundabout. The speed limit on the roundabout is 60pmh – we will continue to work closely with Highways England as they develop proposals here, which may include a reduction in the speed limit.</p>
<p><b>Cycling</b></p> <p>People queried why cycling facilities were proposed to be shared with pedestrians, why they were located to the south of Kingston Park Road and how cycling facilities</p>	<p>Following comments, the design has been revised (see drawing 05C) to ensure that the majority of the pedestrian and cycling facilities are segregated. A small section of shared space is proposed where space is confined.</p> <p>As above, given the proximity of utilities in this area, the cycling facilities are proposed on the southern side to ensure widening of the carriage way can take place to the north. As</p>

<p>would link to the A1 roundabout</p>	<p>shown in drawing 05C, we have been able to alter the design slightly to widen Kingston Park Road on both the northern and southern sides at certain points.</p> <p>We will continue to work with Highways England to ensure that when they improve the Kingston Park Road / A1 roundabout, our facilities will tie in to ensure a coherent cycle network in this area.</p>
<p><b>Noise / Vibration / Dust</b></p> <p>People queried the impact on adjacent properties</p>	<p>Assessments will be undertaken in early 2017 to ensure that there is no undue impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>The widening of the road has been revised to ensure a split between the north and south side of Kingston Park Road (see drawing 05C).</p>
<p><b>Traffic Signals</b></p> <p>People queried the sequencing and timing of the traffic signals</p>	<p>The operation of the traffic signals at this junction will be revised to ensure more efficient, safer operation, whilst ensuring that traffic wishing to turn right from Kingston Park Road eastbound into Fawdon Lane does not back up and block the A1 roundabout.</p>
<p><b>Timescales</b></p> <p>People queried the expected start date of the works and what time of day works could take place</p>	<p>Subject to the approval of funding, work to improve this junction could start in early 2017.</p> <p>Construction usually takes place between 0730 and 1730, but given the significant amount of traffic using this area, it is expected that some of the works will be restricted to between 0930 and 1530.</p> <p>Some works may be required outside normal working hours; local residents will be informed of each occasion in advance. Some initial ground clearance may take place imminently.</p>

I hope you find this information useful; further updates on this scheme will be posted on the NCC website, please see this link: <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/re-newcastle-transport-improvements/fawdon-lane-improvements-0>.

Yours sincerely

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