

Handsworth Road Consultation Responses 310517

	User type	Comment received	Response
1	Driver	Glad to see the proposed move of the bus stop on Handsworth Road. Should make a big improvement to the current traffic issues.	This welcomes the scheme.
2	Local resident	I live on the gateway estate behind Handsworth Road, and I have emailed you before about the traffic getting off the estate due to Handsworth Road. All I can see with this scheme is that the traffic in the left hand lane, where the bus stop is, will flow, but the traffic in the right hand lane, wanting to go straight on at the roundabout, will not benefit at all. The traffic is so bad now in the morning that I have to factor nearly 30mins extra in to my travel time, to get off the estate.	Traffic will access the Parkway junction as now but LH and RH lane discipline should be improved.
3	Driver	<p>I would like to say I am in favour of this proposal. The current layout of the bus stop creates congestion and confusion at the junction of Asda and a layby for the bus to pull into would mean traffic moves much easier, especially at peak times.</p> <p>Me and my daughters were involved in a road traffic accident at this site and we are still suffering from travel anxiety because of it so I wondered, to improve safety, who do I contact to ask about a proposal to alter the traffic light signal coming from the direction of Darnall towards Handsworth, into Asda? Currently it displays a green filter arrow which allows traffic to proceed at caution but I strongly believe it should be altered to a red light, forcing traffic wishing to turn into Asda to stop.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p> <p>The scheme doesn't alter the operation of the traffic signals at this junction but the concern raised has been passed on to the Traffic Control Centre for consideration.</p>
4	Local Resident (bus user)	<p>I am writing to object to the proposal to move the current bus stop which is located between Richmond Park Road and the ASDA entrance to just below the ASDA entrance. In my opinion this will lead to more danger for pedestrians. I believe there will be a rise in the number of RTAs involving pedestrians trying to reach the new bus stop from the direction of Richmond Park Road. Pedestrians are going to have to cross 3 more roads to access the bus stop and this will increase the dangers faced by pedestrians in this area. At the present time it is quite difficult to cross these 3 roads – the traffic light system does not favour pedestrians; many drivers do not use their indicators to show they are going to enter ASDA and when the 'green man' is showing there is often not enough time for pedestrians (especially older people) to cross.</p> <p>There are many older people who come from the Richmond Park Road direction to the current bus stop who are going to be faced with a proportionally longer journey to reach the new bus stop. From my own perspective I will have to allow myself at least an extra 5 minutes to reach the new bus stop to ensure I can negotiate the extra 3 roads to cross and I am perfectly mobile and walk at quite a quick pace.</p>	Agree it will be further to walk to this stop for pedestrians coming from Richmond Park Road and will include crossing the Asda junction (3 sections). These are all signal-controlled with pedestrian phases. There will be post-scheme monitoring (Road Safety audit).

		<p>At the moment pedestrians exiting ASDA to go to the bus stop do not have any roads to cross but the proposal will mean they have to cross the entry/exit road within the ASDA site. This is not an easy crossing to make at the present time as drivers often do not stop for pedestrians.</p> <p>The proposal states that the 52 bus route is a 'Key Bus Route' but the proposal is going to mean that these buses will have to cross an extra carriageway to reach the outside lane from the new lay-by. Surely this will increase congestion?</p> <p>I remember where the original bus stop was sited prior to ASDA coming to this site and to accommodate ASDA this bus stop was relocated further along Handsworth Road. The area where the bus stop is now placed would seem to be quite able to accommodate this proposal – i.e. lay by and pavement whilst not having to force pedestrians to make a longer and I believe a more hazardous journey to actually reach the bus stop.</p> <p>Additionally, when the ASDA petrol station was built assurances were given that the petrol storage tanks would be placed underground safely. Will the development of a lay by, and its associated road changes, disturb the tanks and cause any danger for people in the area?</p>	<p>There are pros and cons here: pedestrians exiting Asda to the bus stop will have a shorter route with zebra crossings.</p> <p>Buses will trigger the traffic signals to allow them to the bus stop and then away. See the report for assessment of benefit.</p> <p>A lay-by at the existing stop would help general traffic but would not help bus journey reliability. The stop is too close to the Richmond Park Rd junction & the Asda junction to enable traffic management to help buses here. They would get stuck in the lay-by.</p> <p>Asda has been consulted & has not raised this as a problem.</p>
5	Not Stated	<p>I have read through the proposal & in agreement that the bus stop for the current 52 route should be moved further down.</p> <p>The bus stop as mentioned in the proposal is a bit of nuisance and by changing this it will reduce the congestion at peak times.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p>
6	Local Resident (bus user?)	<p>I would like to raise the following concerns regarding the proposal to move the present bus stop to a new lay-by just below the entrance/exit of ASDA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Many people who use the present bus stop come from Richmond Park Road. The new bus stop will mean people will have to cross the busy junction of traffic entering and leaving ASDA. How many accidents have there been already at this junction? 2. Yet again the work to build this lay-by will mean cutting down trees. The Council does not have a good record on trees. 3. Will the plans include constructing lay-bys at the 2 bus stops further back up Handsworth Road where buses also obstruct the 	<p>See response 4 above. Accident data 2011-2016 shows 17 recorded injury accidents, 2 serious and 15 slight, but no pedestrians involved at this junction.</p> <p>No trees will be cut down.</p> <p>No. The location of this lay-by has been chosen to enable traffic</p>

		<p>carriageway and cause congestion?</p> <p>4. Is the proposal to move the bus stop something to do with the development of the land located behind the present bus stop?</p> <p>5. Under the proposal the 52 bus will have to cross 2 lanes of traffic rather than the one at present. How will this ease congestion? At the bus stop across the road from ASDA buses that have to cross 2 lanes of traffic (i.e. 30 and 40) often have difficulties pulling out.</p>	<p>management to help buses.</p> <p>It is not connected.</p> <p>Buses will trigger the traffic signals to allow them to the bus stop and then away into the correct lane. On the other side of the road, the 30 & 40 are the buses which turn right into Richmond Park Road. This is not a high frequency bus route like the 52.</p>
7	Local Resident	<p>I would like to share my view about proposed new bus stop on Handsworth Rd.</p> <p>In my opinion this is great idea and should be done asap. I live on Stradbroke and use Asda frequently for my shopping as well as petrol station. Current location of the bus stop blocking one lane, so building a lay-by either further down the street or in the same place as now will help everyone and don't really affect passengers.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p>
8	Not Stated	<p>I am writing because this has been my thoughts for some time, but I do think that whilst this will contribute greatly to alleviating traffic you also need to address the issue of the bus stop outside McDonald's which could either be disposed of altogether or similarly set back from the road using the adequate verge. This bus stop frequently brings traffic to a standstill particularly with the new set of traffic lights that allow traffic to turn right down Finchwell Road. When cars are waiting to turn right here and a bus is stationary at the stop both lanes are blocked and traffic cannot continue to flow along Handsworth Road, causing a back-up of traffic. People also cut around the stationary bus at this stop to go around it when the right hand lane is clear and quickly go back into the left hand lane often turning up towards Aldi or McDonald's their visibility is poor performing this manoeuvre and pedestrians are at risk when motorists do this (to my knowledge there has already been incidents or near misses) this could be prevented by adopting the same approach as you are further down the road. In my opinion changes to this bus stop are paramount since the lights were installed and it is a potential hazard that could be addressed whilst this scheme is in progress. I also firmly believe changing the no parking hours along Handsworth Road would be a huge factor at peak hours, not wishing to disrupt parking for potential customers of the shops on the road, but currently the hours for no stopping are not in conjunction with peak traffic flow times and could be extended with parking only allowed between 10 - 3.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p> <p>The proposal does not involve changing the other bus stop or extending peak hour restrictions.</p>

9	Not Stated	<p>Although I agree with the proposal to move the bus stop adjacent to the Asda, I believe peak hour traffic lights on the exit slip road of the City bound parkway would greatly improve congestion on Handsworth Road. Commuters regularly use the roundabout to save queuing 200 yards on the parkway flyover stopping traffic on Handsworth Road entering the roundabout.</p> <p>I realise this may not be in your remit but I feel you should be aware.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme. Officers are aware of the slip road issue and are working on a peak hour traffic light scheme: see the report.</p>
10	Not Stated	<p>I think the relocation of the Bus stop is very welcome to ease traffic flow.</p> <p>I have to say though, the main reason for congestion in the rush hour periods is vehicles parked along Handsworth road on the single yellow line in the prohibited times.</p> <p>If that area was to be policed and the offenders fined it would pay for a traffic policemen wages it is that blatant. Just go and have a look!</p> <p>Anyhow keep up the good work to keep Sheffield roads moving.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p> <p>All peak hour restrictions in the City are enforced by the City Council's Parking Services but, due to resources available, this is done on a rotational basis.</p>
11	Driver	<p>Think this is a great idea. The infrastructure of Handsworth Road is no longer fit for purpose.</p> <p>The traffic light sequence at Richmond Park Rd and Handsworth Rd also need looking at. It takes me longer to drive from old turf tavern pub to parkway roundabout at 7.50 than it does to drive all the way to the other side of the city. Lots of new businesses and housing has been built over the last 10 years which has significantly increased the flow of traffic.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p> <p>This junction is not within the scope of this project but the suggestion has been noted by Traffic Control.</p>
12	Not Stated	<p>I have just read about the planned proposals and I totally 100% agree with the plans!</p> <p>I have been saying for a few years that something needed to be done about the buses causing unnecessary congestion during peak times and the pavement just outside the Asda is more than wide enough to be adapted to a lay by.</p> <p>I actually think it may contribute to a reduction in accidents at the Asda junction. It's incredibly frustrating trying to get through the junction when there are a number of buses in the bus stop and it causes drivers to take risks often blindly as they are trying to get through.</p> <p>I for one am very pleased and hope it will not receive any objections.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p> <p>This is possible.</p>
13	Resident	<p>Hi Andrew - just to say it's great news about the proposal to move the bus stop to below the Asda with its own lay by. I wanted to say this as I know that people quite often are vocal when they want to complain. We live in Handsworth and have noticed quite significant tailbacks.</p> <p>Whilst I am communicating, the slip road created to turn right just after the Handsworth Inn and on to the Bramley estate has made a massive difference in terms of traffic flow and safety methinks.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p> <p>Good feedback on an earlier scheme at Handsworth Rd/Richmond Rd.</p>

14	Not Stated	<p>Any new layby needs to be able to hold 2 buses at once. If not then the congestion will continue as very often two buses from the different services and travel companies arrive at, or around, the same time. At best a single parking space will move the congestion down the road a bit.</p> <p>A different approach may be to get rid of the bus stops there completely and relocate them into the Asda entrance utilising the turnaround and taxi parking space there that is currently not used by taxis as they park on Richmond Park Road.</p>	The lay-by will hold 2 buses.
15	Not Stated	Excellent idea. Cannot see a negative.	This welcomes the scheme.
16	Cllr Rooney	Seems like a good idea to solve a long standing problem.	This welcomes the scheme.
17	Local Resident (bus user)	<p>I am pleased to hear that the bus stop is being moved and a lay by will be created, this will improve on some of the congestion near the Asda but will still not solve the massive problems at this junction. It is not just the stationary buses that cause disruption/bottlenecks. Has anyone from the Council actually studied the traffic around this area at peak times, i.e. around 8am weekday mornings?</p> <p>Traffic on Richmond Park Road is unable to join Handsworth Road at that junction due to the bottleneck and constantly backs up all the way back along Richmond Park Road. It is a single line of traffic so drivers joining the right hand lane on Handsworth Road obviously block those wanting to get into the left hand lane (for Asda and the Parkway into town). It needs to be 2 clear lanes turning into 2 clear lanes.</p> <p>Drivers in the single line of traffic on Richmond Park Road (waiting to join Handsworth Road) currently get frustrated and a number leave the queue and drive up the wrong side of the road to turn into the Aldi road to cut through and join Handsworth Road further up. I have seen this done at a few yards (which is possibly acceptable), but of major concern I've seen it happen as far back as Birklands Avenue. It is only a matter of time before there is an accident here, it is a blind spot at the top (above Aldi) so they are taking a huge risk doing this as they can't see what is coming the other way. And, the speed that people go at also defies belief. A major concern is that a lot of the cars travelling the opposite way (turning into Richmond Park Road from Handsworth Road) are mothers taking children to Athelstan school. I just wish there was a police car there to observe this behaviour which happens every single morning as I walk to the bus stop.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p> <p>Traffic Control observes this area on a daily basis.</p> <p>Raises concerns about traffic volumes on Richmond Park Road and bad driver behaviour. This junction is not within the scope of this project.</p>
18	Resident	I'm so so pleased about this. It's an absolute nightmare buses blocking the road. I have been stuck behind 2 buses on a morning for 10 minutes with queues of people waiting to get on with little to no way of getting round them due to heavy traffic in the outside lane. I commute this way everyday to work. It will get even more congested if the proposals for the KFC and	This welcomes the scheme.

		<p>Costa coffee go ahead!</p> <p>I would also like to see the yellow box extended to cover the bottom of Richmond Park Road as this also blocks traffic when cars pull out onto an already standing traffic outside lane. Again blocking the inbound lane.</p> <p>These are also problems with the traffic parking restriction times which is never policed and creates a single carriageway causing congestion around the roundabout. No cars should be parked between 4pm to 6pm but 4:30 on my way home you can guarantee to see 10-15 cars plus parked along the whole road especially outside the shops and garages both inbound and outbound With the amount of houses being built, it's getting very congested. If you would like to see my dash cam footage of my commute please let me know. I can get from the Parkway to the Ecclesall Road quicker than I can get from Flockton estate to the Parkway which is a small fraction of the distance.</p> <p>Please please please let this go ahead.</p>	<p>This junction is not within the scope of this project.</p> <p>All peak hour restrictions in the City are enforced by the City Council's Parking Services on a rotational basis.</p>
19	Local Resident	<p>Please please please ensure this scheme goes ahead! Have been asking the council to sort that junction for yrs, and the yellow box junction itself, it's much needed.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme. See above about the Richmond Park Road junction.</p>
20	Not Stated	<p>It's about time! and please ensure that it's a double lay-by as the buses always come together and a single lay by would be back to square one!</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme. The lay-by will hold 2 buses.</p>
21	Driver	<p>As I travel to work along Handsworth Road every morning, I have often commented on the fact that the existing bus stop is in completely the wrong place in terms of traffic flow. The proposed change makes so much more sense and will help with flow. My one concern would be that 52 (a) buses will still have to cross one lane of traffic to reach the right hand lane in order to go the correct way at the roundabout but as this manoeuvre would be helped by the traffic lights rather than hindered, I can't see this being a major issue.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p>
22	Cyclist	<p>In response to the planned/proposed/moved bus-stop outside Asda, on the Handsworth Road. I'd be interested to hear how this will affect the cycle route along the shared-pathway. From the link: https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/content/sheffield/home/roads-pavements/bus-route-improvement-schemes.html It is said: "The current Cycle/pedestrian facilities are maintained as existing..." I don't see how this will be possible.</p> <p>(Although this proves that I am psychic, only 10mins ago I was discussing my (cycle) route to work. I said "I hope the council don't find out, and block it with a wall, advertising panel, bus-stop". We laughed, and carried on our conversation, and here I am, responding to a proposal to block my route to work...)</p>	<p>The shared pathway will remain.</p>

		(This is one of only a few, good cycle routes in Sheffield, it was a good way to cycle to The AMP at Waverley, it's becoming increasingly difficult and disjointed)	
23	Driver	<p>It has come to my attention that you propose to move the bus stops on Handsworth Road near the junction with Richmond Park Road to a layby to ease congestion on Handsworth Road.</p> <p>This is a great idea. I have been hoping that this could be done for a long time as Handsworth Road becomes incredibly congested in a morning. It has come to the point that I drive through Waverley instead of Handsworth Road to avoid the congestion. A lot of people do this so it will ease congestion on both routes. I would suggest that the layby should be big enough for two buses to use because often congestion is caused where two buses arrive at once.</p> <p>I think that it would also be worth changing the lane rules at the roundabout with the Parkway and Handsworth Road. At present you can only go onto the westbound Parkway in the left hand lane and the right hand lane is used to go straight over Handsworth Road or onto the eastbound Parkway. Currently, most people use the right hand lane to either go eastbound on the Parkway or to go straight over on Handsworth Road. If the left hand lane could be used to go straight over the roundabout, this would ease congestion in the right hand lane. There is often a queue on the right hand lane but not the left hand lane as lots of people from Handsworth don't use the Parkway to get into the Centre, they go via Manor Top. [The 52 bus goes straight over the roundabout, so if it didn't have to get into the congested right hand lane it would make the buses' navigation of this part of the route quicker and easier].</p> <p>The only other suggestion that I would make is to look at changing the timings on the traffic lights on the junction with Asda, sometimes the traffic along Handsworth Road is stopped for too long to give priority to people moving in and out of Asda, which at 7-9 in the morning isn't very many people. If the timings gave more priority to Handsworth Road, this would also ease congestion.</p> <p>Many thanks for looking into easing congestion on Handsworth Road.</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p> <p>The lay-by will hold 2 buses.</p> <p>The existing layout works best with current traffic flows and the roundabout layout.</p> <p>Traffic Control will investigate.</p>
24	Driver	<p>I have just read the proposal for a new location for the bus stop on Handsworth Road and I believe this is a step in the right direction. Daily I queue on Richmond Road waiting to join Handsworth Road for up to 20 minutes, which is very frustrating.</p> <p>I have studied the problems that cause the back log of traffic every morning on Handsworth and as well as the position of the bus stop, there are other factors to take into account;</p>	<p>This welcomes the scheme.</p>

		<p>1) Cars are coming off the Sheffield Parkway slip road of the Handsworth exit and then rejoining the Parkway heading from Rotherham to Sheffield, this causes a major hold up at the roundabout, maybe traffic lights on the slip road would be an option and deter people from doing this.</p> <p>2) The traffic lights at the ASDA are not set correctly, there is little traffic coming/going to/from the ASDA at this time in a morning but the timing of the lights does not reflect this, the lights hold up the traffic on Handsworth Road with little or no cars entering or leaving the ASDA</p> <p>3) People travelling along Handsworth Road will often jump the lights adjacent to Richmond Road and block access to people travelling from Richmond Road to Handsworth Road, often only allowing 1 or even 0 cars onto Handsworth Road with each green light and the 2 factors above make this even more frustrating.</p> <p>All of the above, along with the bus stop are what create all the traffic in the morning, I'm sure you know this anyway and I'm just glad this has been picked up by the council.</p>	<p>Officers are aware of the slip road issue and are working on a peak hour traffic light scheme (see the report).</p> <p>Traffic Control will investigate.</p> <p>This junction is not within the scope of this project.</p>
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