

ITEM: 08-CYCLE ROUTE – BISHAM ROUNDABOUT

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report provides an update on Highways England proposals for the A404 / A308 junction at Bisham.

2. Supporting Information**Background**

- 2.1 The A404 forms part of the strategic road network, connecting the M4 and the M40. It also forms an important part of the strategic diversion network for incidents on the M4, M25 and M40.
- 2.2 Bisham Roundabout is the only place on the A404 where drivers have to stop. The junction provides local access to Bisham and Marlow to the west and Maidenhead via the A308 in the east. The roundabout already operates at or above capacity in peak periods, with high levels of congestion and delays experienced along this section on a daily basis.
- 2.3 It has become increasingly difficult for traffic to get out of the side arms of the roundabout and cyclists find it particularly challenging to cross the junction safely. Highways England has indicated that their surveys show a very low number of pedestrian and cyclist movements at this junction. Despite these low numbers, police records show that two cyclists have been injured in collisions at this junction in the five year period between 2009 and 2013.
- 2.4 Highways England is currently consulting on proposed options for updating the A404 Bisham Roundabout Junction, with the aim of:
- relieving congestion at the roundabout
 - improving traffic flows
 - improving road user safety and reducing accidents at the junction and on the approaches
 - improving user movements through the junction
 - facilitating local economic growth
- 2.5 Three options for improving the roundabout are included in the consultation including:
- partial signalisation of the roundabout incorporating crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists
 - conversion of the junction to left in / left out with no right turn option for traffic on the A308 (a new structure would be incorporated into the design for pedestrians and cyclists, but was not identified within the consultation documentation)
 - a signal-controlled crossroads incorporating signal-controlled crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.
- 2.6 These options are illustrated in Appendix 1.

- 2.7 Highways England is inviting comments on the proposed improvements. Comments can be submitted via an online questionnaire at www.highways.gov.uk/a404bisham. Alternatively, a paper copy of the questionnaire can be requested by emailing area3communications@emhighways.co.uk. Questionnaire responses should be returned to: Area 3 Communications, EM Highways Services, M3 Jct 9 Compound, Easton Lane, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 7TY. The closing date for the consultation is **Saturday 12 September 2015**.

3. Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that members of the Cycle Forum:

- **Note the options proposed by Highways England**
- **Agree a joint response on behalf of the Cycle Forum.**