Arthur Road – proposed consultation on possible removal of traffic signals

The Borough is committed to reducing congestion where practical to do so and this aligns with the Manifesto commitment to “continue to review and reduce unnecessary traffic lights”. The Arthur Road corridor has been identified as a location where a consultation on possible alternative junction arrangements should be considered.

Draft options have been developed for two alternative options for the junction of Maidenhead Road / Stovell Road (a mini-roundabout or a priority junction) and an alternative layout for Arthur Road / Alma Road (mini-roundabout). Each option would also include provision of pedestrian facilities.

It is not considered viable or appropriate to consider removal of the traffic signals at the junction of Arthur Road with Vansittart Road. A mini-roundabout is not possible, as the required stepped back give-way lines would lead to sub-standard visibility, whilst conventional give-ways on the two Vansittart Road arms would introduce safety risks due to the lack of clarity over priority between the two opposed right turn movements from the Vansittart Road arms. Importantly there would also be no suitable locations for convenient pedestrian facilities to be accommodated under alternative layouts at that junction.

The Borough is keen that residents and other road users should be invited to have their say on any possible changes. The details of the consultation for the Arthur Road / Alma Road and Maidenhead Road / Stovell Road junctions are currently being finalised with a view to going out to public consultation before the end of March.