Description of Scheme Proposal

Concerns have previously been raised from Local Ward Members and members of the public regarding the lack of crossing facilities for pedestrians in Whitchurch Village, specifically the four-armed junction of Merthyr Road / Penlline Road / Church Road and Old Church Road. This junction has a high level of pedestrian footfall which is also in close proximity to Whitchurch High School.

Following investigations and surveys being undertaken we are proposing to introduce signal controlled pedestrian crossing facilities at this junction in order to create a safe route for pedestrians to cross, this junction will operate on an all red phase. In order to create a signal controlled pedestrian crossing on the Merthyr Road arm of this junction there is a requirement to widen the footway at this location. As part of this proposal Advanced Stop Lines will be introduced around this junction. Advanced Stop Lines (ASLs) are stop lines for cyclists at traffic signals, which are marked beyond the stop line for general traffic. They are designed to help cyclists pull away in front of traffic.

Additional Information about traffic management measures

All Red Pedestrian Phase. This is a signal controlled pedestrian crossing at a set of traffic signals where all traffic is brought to a stop whilst pedestrians are crossing. The pedestrian signals can be either on the push button or on signals across the road as required to provide the best design. All new signal controlled crossings incorporate a ‘rotating tactile cone’ on the underside of the pushbutton unit which is used by the visually impaired to indicate when the traffic has a red signal.

Vehicle Crossovers. A vehicle crossover allows you to access your property legally, safely and easily when you are using a car or other domestic vehicle. This means that the kerbs are dropped (“dropped kerb”) from their normal height to carriageway level and the footway, or verge, is strengthened to take the weight of the vehicle crossing it. It is an offence to drive on a footway unless a vehicle crossover has been authorised and put in. In addition to the safety reasons, this is because you may damage the footway or any pipes or cables that are buried underneath it. The crossover allows you to pass safely from the carriageway, preventing any obstruction to the highway.

As part of our improvement schemes, it is possible to make provision for new vehicle crossovers, subject to the necessary terms and conditions. However, those seeking a vehicle crossover must obtain a prior Highway Agreement from us. Depending upon the Classification of the road, it may also be necessary to obtain Planning Permission. Further information is available on www.cardiff.gov.uk
The Council is consulting on the proposal to implement a traffic management scheme based on the plan shown.

Further details about this consultation are available at Cardiff.gov.uk/TransportProjects using the 'view consultations' link. Alternatively, please e-mail TransportProjects@cardiff.gov.uk or telephone 029 2087 3289 to request a paper copy. If you would like to make any comments about this proposal please let us know by 07/08/2018.