

## **Leicester City Council**

### **Potential Future Highway Improvement Scheme - 'Evesham Road Link'**

#### **Summary note for Braunstone and Rowley Fields meeting concerning questions raised previously**

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Following a number of questions raised previously on this scheme a general note has been prepared together with responses to specific questions where possible.

#### **General note - March 2018**

The Council is preparing a new Local Plan to guide future development proposals for the period to 2031. This could identify appropriate highway improvement schemes/lines required to protect land to carry out future transport improvement projects. As part of the recent Emerging Options stage Local Plan consultation process, comments were sought on existing and potential highway improvement schemes/Lines (See <https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/sec/local-plan>)

The Emerging Options Local Plan document notes that the existing road network of radial and orbital routes has developed with the growth of the city over time and there remains some gaps in this network that if addressed could potentially improve the efficiency of the network as a whole. The current levels of traffic and congestion on Narborough Road/Upperton Road and at Middleton Street/Aylestone Village highlight the challenges to the road network in this part of the city. The new local plan could identify land required to be protected to construct future schemes to improve the road network.

The longstanding Evesham Road link highway improvement scheme/lines currently identify the land required for a potential future road and bridge connecting Saffron Lane/Aylestone Road and Narborough Road via Boundary Road and edge of Faircharm Industrial Estate/Evesham Road. The improvement scheme/lines are currently declared in local land charge searches for those purchasing land and property that could be affected.

There are currently no detailed road/bridge designs prepared or funding identified to deliver the scheme.

The next stage of the Local Plan is expected to be published later this year and will include draft proposals, including any highway improvement schemes/ lines that the council considers appropriate following further investigation and review. Further public consultation will be carried out at that stage. Subsequently the Local Plan will be considered by an independent Planning Inspector at an Examination in Public.

The proposed highway improvement scheme at Putney Road is a standalone project requiring its own technical justification. It is not dependant on, and would not in itself help to justify the provision of, a future road and bridge link at Evesham Road.

## Responses to specific questions

Q. The Gasometer would cost £8mill to remove. Has it been done and are there any residual matters.

A. **Gasometers already removed on National Grid site for site development**

Q. Can we get roads paperwork from 1993.

A. **Not known to be available**

Q Are original plans still in place for link road

A. **See note above**

Q. What About pollution if road goes ahead.

A. **Scheme would aim to reduce air pollution across the wider highway network**

Q. Will there be any underpasses built for cars or pedestrians anywhere?

A. **No detailed designs prepared**

Q. Are the wider city plans aims to reduce congestion across city.

A. **See note above**

Q. Will there be a Flyover or bridge across the river if road goes ahead and can alternative routes be investigated.

A. **No detailed designs prepared**

Q. What about wildlife in the area, such as deer.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Will private homes be at risk.

A. **See note regarding road improvement lines**

Q. Will new road be a rat run.

A. **Scheme aim was to relieve congestion on other roads and potentially existing rat runs – would require further study/investigation**

Currently roads have problems with match day parking.

Q. Can we Improve public transport, especially park and ride on match days so reduce the need for a new road

A. **Public transport improvements already planned and future schemes will be considered**

Q. Residents feel vulnerable due to speeding. What about speed humps to slow current traffic down.

A. **Programme of 20mph zones and speed humps being delivered across the city**

Q. St Mary's schools have issues about traffic.

A. **Will refer for potential consideration in school run parking improvement programme**

Q. What about the Issue of potential Noise of new traffic.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Houses were bought due to the location and its quietness.How will this new road affect residents.

A. **Would require further study/investigation – Note above refers to legal searches currently carried out during house purchases**

Q. Residents Cannot see need for another road to relieve congestion.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Is this plan being made to relieve upperton road congestion.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Aylestone road has congestion problems already. Directing additional traffic there will not improve situation.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Can houses be cpo'd

A. **No current plans for CPO. CPO would require further investigation, legal justification and funding in place for the road**

Q. Will residents get full value of house. Residents moved into this area for the quietness and nice environment.

A. **See above answer**

Q. Local plan consultation ended in Nov.

A. **Responses will still be accepted on the Local Plan – See note above about next stage of local plan/consultation**

Q. Can we convey that residents are against this project completely.

A. **Through Local Plan consultation – see above**

Q. Putney road due to be opened up.how does this impact on link road proposal.

A. **See note above**

Q. Faircharm was not allowed to build houses. Will this new industrial build increase road usage there.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Why has Faircharm Been bought.

A. **Not Known**

Q. Can grant Butterworth come to the next ward meeting.

A. **Relevant officers to attend**

Q. Who will benefit from this road, certainly not local residents.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Health stats very poor already in our ward.

A. **Scheme would aim to reduce air pollution across the wider highway network**

Bp and rf has lots of respiratory probs. Will Health budget be increased to cope with health issues caused by new road.

Q. Will vehicles cause subsidence to properties

A. **No detailed plans prepared**

Can we campaign to quash scheme.

Q. Will council say why link rd is necessary.

A. **See note above - Would require further study/investigation**