CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

Venue: Training Room, Date: Monday, 21st June, 2010 3rd Floor, Bailey House, Rawmarsh Road, ROTHERHAM. S60 1TD

Time: *10.00 a.m.

*Please note the start time for this meeting

AGENDA

- 1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) to the Local Government Act 1972.
- 2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
- 3. Minutes of a meeting of the Chesterfield Canal Partnership Executive Steering Group held on 11th March, 2010. (copy attached) (Pages 1 6)
- 4. Minutes of a meeting of the Townscape Heritage Initiative Partnership held on 7th June, 2010 (copy attached) (Pages 7 8)
- 5. B6098 Bolton Road, Manvers; Ward 19 Wath Proposed New Shared Use Pedestrian / Cycle Footway (Pages 9 - 11)
 - Nigel Davey, Engineer, to report.
 - to inform Cabinet Member of a proposal to provide a new length of pedestrian / cycle footway on the B6098 Bolton Road, Manvers.
- 6. A630 Rotherham to Thrybergh Smart Route Proposed improvements. (report attached) (Pages 12 113)

Tom Finnegan-Smith, Acting Transportation Unit Manager, to report.

to seek Cabinet Member approval to undertake the detailed design and implementation of highway improvements at Mushroom roundabout (the junction of the A630 Fitzwilliam Road/Doncaster Road and A6123 Herringthorpe Valley Road/Aldwarke Lane).

Please note that copies of the Appendices to this report are available in the Members' Room in the Eric Manns Building, 45 Moorgate Street, Rotherham.

Copies are also available electronically via the Intranet/Internet.



MINUTES of a meeting of the **CHESTERFIELD CANAL PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE STEERING GROUP** held at the Westthorpe Business Innovation Centre, Killamarsh on Thursday 11th March 2010.

Derbyshire County Council

Mr M Dowson, Ms G Gregory and Mr P Storey

Nottinghamshire County Council

Councillor Mrs E Yates and Mr A Wickham

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Councillor Mrs J Whysall and Mr P Cassy

Bassetlaw District Council

Ms S Withington

Chesterfield Borough Council

Councillor P Proctor and Mr M Shewring

North East Derbyshire District Council

Councillor H Laws, Ms H Fairfax and Ms L Chapman

Chesterfield Canal Partnership

Dr G Coles and Mr S Reaney

Chesterfield Canal Trust

Mr R Stonebridge and Mr D Trickett

Inland Waterway Association

Mr J Baylis

Hyder Consulting (For Agenda Item 5 Only)

Mr G Webber and Mr P Moss

(Mr J Baylis, representing the IWA, took the Chair for the first three items on the agenda)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Jackson (Derbyshire County Council), Councillor I Jones (Bassetlaw District Council), Mr E Green (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust), Ms F Clarke (Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield), Mr M Bloomfield (Chesterfield Canal Trust) and Mr J Nuttall (British Waterways).

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH OCTOBER 2009

The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising which were not covered by the agenda.

4. ELECTION OF ESG CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

After some discussion it was agreed that Councillor Mrs E Yates of Bassetlaw District Council be elected as temporary Chair of the ESG until a replacement Chair from BDC was appointed. It was also agreed that Councillor Yates be appointed as Vice Chair of the ESG as the elected member from Nottinghamshire County Council. These appointments would be effective for the next twelve months.

5. MARINA DEMAND & LOCATION STUDY BY HYDER CONSULTING

Mr G Webber and Mr P Moss presented the draft results of this study which had been commissioned jointly by Bassetlaw District Council and the Chesterfield Canal Partnership.

The study had been undertaken by a core team of three people and set out to assess the demand for moorings on the Chesterfield Canal should the opportunity to create additional moorings arise. The study recognised that the marina at Shireoaks was operating at its practical capacity and, because of the unique geographical position of the Chesterfield Canal, it had been necessary to investigate national trends and parameters in order to assess the market. There were two types of moorings with different needs and priorities; residential and leisure users. Compared with the overall BW network, the number of existing moorings on the Chesterfield Canal was below the national average.

The study had identified three sites with high potential; the Western Gateway at Worksop, near the junction of the A57 and the Lock Keeper public house, Retford East and the Hop Pole Inn sites, both in Retford. A further two sites with medium potential were identified in Misterton. In terms of a preferred short-term site which could be operational within 5 years, the Hop Pole was the favourite. In the time scale of 5 to 15 years, the Western Gateway and Misterton East offered the best opportunities. Improved town centre moorings at Worksop and Retford also required consideration. The capital cost of a marina capable of accommodating circa 160 boats was estimated between $\pounds1.35$ and $\pounds1.5$ million and this would generate an annual local spend of some $\pounds400,000$.

Hyder Consulting recommended the production of a "Marina Investment Guide" specifically tailored to the Chesterfield Canal as a means of encouraging external investment.

The draft report was submitted to BDC on the 11th March 2010. A discussion meeting with BDC planners would take place shortly and the final report, which would also identify funding options, would be published before the end of the current financial year.

The Chair thanked Hyder Consulting for their excellent presentation.

6. YEAR END REPORT ON THE CCP WORK PROGRAMME 2009-10

GC tabled a report summarising the Work Programme for 2009/10.

GC characterised the year as one of steady but uneven progress; some smaller projects, such as Hollingwood Lock House, had made little visible progress whilst others, such as Phase1 of the Northern Loop Road at Staveley which included bridges over the canal, had been completed. Behind the scenes a great deal of progress had been made on securing design and legal frameworks, for example planning permission had recently been obtained for the Staveley Town Basin and the application for the Chesterfield Waterside Project would shortly go before the Planning Committee at CBC.

A lot of work had been undertaken in order to raise the profile of the Chesterfield Canal and the Canal Trust had made a positive contribution to this. The Inland Waterway Association now recognised that the Chesterfield Canal was among the top 5 canal projects which were "ready for funding". HF reminded the meeting that the line of the canal was in the process of being secured in the LDF of NEDDC.

It was agreed that the delivery of the Work Programme be noted.

7. PROPOSED CCP WORK PROGRAMME 2010-2012

GC tabled a report giving details of the proposed Work Programme for the two-year period from 2010 to 2012.

GC explained that it had now been confirmed by both the Heritage Lottery and Big Lottery Fund that the timetable for funding major projects post the London Olympic Games in 2012 would be as follows:-

- 2011-Projects to be submitted for funding
- 2012-Projects accepted for funding
- 2013-Construction work to begin

The Partnership's Work Programme had been designed to fit in with this timetable.

GC emphasised that land acquisition would be a major issue facing the Partnership and a robust legal framework to deliver the project would be needed both to address the concept of "Risk Management" and to satisfy the requirements of the major funding bodies. In these circumstances, therefore, it would be necessary to resolve the legal framework for the Partnership **before** the submission of funding bids. Education and training programmes were important in order to demonstrate the wider credentials of the Chesterfield Canal and there was an urgent need to increase the level of networking with funding bodies, patrons and other influential organisations. It would be necessary, therefore, for the Partnership to have a critical look at the staffing resources which would be required to formulate significant funding bids. GC said he would present a more detailed action plan at the next ESG.

It was agreed that the proposed Work Programme be formally adopted.

8. CCP BUDGET REPORT

GC tabled the report for the Partnership's budget for 2009/10 which showed an under spend on budgeted expenditure mainly due to ecological surveys which would be undertaken during the next financial year. There had been some misunderstanding, however, on contributions and to balance income and expenditure for 2009/10 would require a draw on the Reserve Fund.

GC then presented the proposed budget for next year and emphasised the point that it would not be possible after March 2011 to make further demands on the Reserve Fund because of the requirement to hold sufficient funds to cover possible redundancy costs for Partnership staff. For the financial year 2011/12, therefore, it would be necessary to further increase contributions or obtain funding from other sources to enable the Partnership to continue operating in its current form. GC suggested that the funding issue be discussed at the next TOG meeting with a view to submitting proposals in due course to the ESG and HL said that local authority representatives needed to confirm the level of contributions for 2010/11 as matter of urgency and to re-enforce the importance of the restoration of the Chesterfield Canal both to local communities and to the overall regeneration of the area.

It was agreed that the Development Manager's recommendations, a-g, be accepted.

9. NEXT NAVIGATION EAST

With the aid of a projector GC presented a verbal report to the meeting on Next Navigation East. He explained that the final restoration project for the Chesterfield Canal had been divided into two sections, east and west, with the western section covering the route from Staveley to Killamarsh and the eastern section from Killamarsh to the eastern portal of the Norwood Tunnel at Kiveton Park.

The Next Navigation East report was presented as a consultation draft. It consisted of some 28 chapters which set out the case for restoration, the community and environmental context, the design of key structures together with indicative designs, a summary of community engagement and the core costing for the project. The report, after undergoing a period of consultation, would form the basis of submissions to major funding bodies such as the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The restoration work would be done in stages over a period of time to ensure that the cost of the individual sections was within the funding scope of the Heritage Lottery Fund. The work would be undertaken by professional civil engineers and approved contractors but there would be some opportunities for volunteers to contribute under the close supervision of qualified engineers. The cost of restoring this section was estimated at £26 million at today's prices but this could be reduced by up to 30%. In GC's opinion, the time frame for a realistic and deliverable restoration programme was 10/15 years.

The consultation draft of the Next Navigation East report was available on a CD ROM which contained all the appendices; other supporting documents were also available. CD ROMs were distributed at the meeting to members of the Partnership and the representative of RMBC was given two copies of the CD ROM, a written copy of Volume 1 of the report, the appendices and written copies of all the appropriate background and supporting reports. GC requested comments, if possible, by 4th June 2010, and confirmed that the final draft of the report would be ready for the Festival in July 2010.

After some discussion it was agreed that a special meeting of the ESG would be held in June 2010 and the Chair would write individually to the Chief Executive of each Local Authority through which the canal passed asking for comments on the report within a 12 week consultation period. In the meantime, GC would approach the individual authorities to decide the most effective way of meeting with Leaders and Chief Executives to discuss the implications of the Next Navigation East report.

10. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

GC tabled a summary of developments on a number of canal projects based on submissions from members of the Technical Officers Group. AW added that 5 staff had been appointed to the Idle and Trent Valley Landscape Project; the staff would be based with BW at Newark and the value of the project was some £3 million. PS confirmed that work on the Staveley Town Basin would commence in April.

It was agreed that the Development Update report be noted.

11. FUTURE FORM OF THE PARTNERSHIP

GC presented a discussion paper for the ESG to authorise officers to begin to explore what options were available to enable the Partnership to move forward against the background of a potential future expenditure of some £35 million. RS said that the Partnership needed to assess its delivery mechanism because the Heritage Lottery Fund would require assurances on governance before funding was contemplated.

The officer recommendations were accepted and it was agreed that GC would establish a small working party through the Technical Officers Group.

12. CHESTERFIELD CANAL TRUST

RS tabled an update report from the Chesterfield Canal Trust and confirmed that the Trust's membership was now in excess of 1,000. The final draft of the Community Interest Company would be submitted for approval to the Trust's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18th March 2010.

The meeting noted the report from the CCT and congratulated them on the increasing level of membership.

13. IWAC REPORT ON PARTNERSHIP WORKING

GC informed the Executive that the Inland Waterways Advisory Council's report on "Partnership Working", due to be published in April 2010, would use the Chesterfield Canal Partnership as a model of best practice in the waterways field.

The meeting noted the Development Manager's verbal report.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RS explained that DCC provided goods and services for Partnership staff in addition to their financial contribution because they acted as the "host" authority in terms of staff employment. DCC, however, had recently held a Single Status job evaluation exercise for all members of staff which had impacted on the salary level of the Partnership's

Development Manager. It was unfortunate that DCC had not consulted with the Partnership on this issue and if the appeal by the Development Manager was successful there would be an impact on the Partnership's budget and on other members.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Chair of the ESG would write to DCC on this matter; AW would liaise between the Chair, other members of the ESG and members of the TOG.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

After some discussion it was agreed that the date of the next two meetings of the ESG would be as follows:-

• Thursday 10th June 2010 at a DCC venue to be arranged by GC.

• Thursday 28th October 2010 at the Retford Enterprise Centre

It was also agreed that in the future there would be four (4) meetings of the ESG per year in order for members to be able to deal with the increasing work load. Three (3) of these meetings would take place in the mornings and would last for a maximum of 2 hours whilst the fourth meeting, which would take place in the summer months and include a field trip, would last all day.

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TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE Monday, 7th June, 2010

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair);

together with:-

Councillor Dave Pickering Councillor Barry Dodson John Shepherd Charles Hammersley Graham Williams Peter Hawkridge Andy Robinson Chair, Planning Board Vice-Chair, Planning Board Yorkshire Forward RMBC Project Officer Sheffield Diocese Rotherham Civic Society RMBC Architectural Police Liaison Officer

15. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman, Councillor Smith, welcomed those present and introductions were made.

16. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Canon D. Bliss	Rotherham Minster
Councillor S. Walker	Senior Adviser
Bernadette Rushton	Assistant Town Centre Manager

17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2009

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th December, 2009.

It was agreed:- That the minutes be received as a correct record.

18. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006)

(financial/business affairs).

20. TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE SCHEME – GRANT APPROVAL FOR NOS. 22–30 HIGH STREET, SNAFU AND UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Project Officer, detailing the application for grant under the Townscape Heritage Initiative Scheme (THI) for Nos. 22-30 High Street.

It was confirmed that planning permission for the building improvements had been granted on 14th December, 2009.

Details of the proposed works, materials to be use, structural repairs etc were set out in the submitted report, together with the proposed elevations.

The Project Officer also outlined progress to date in respect of the following projects;-

- The Three Cranes, Alfonsos and the The George Wright Building
- No. 23 High Street
- No. 20 High Street
- Hamby's block of three properties
- Essoldo Chambers
- Nos. 10 to 12 High Street
- The Minster Yard

Details of the funding elements making up the THI scheme were also set out in the submitted report.

It was agreed (unanimously):- That, this Partnership approves a grant offer under the THI Scheme to The Old Monk Inn Focus Limited and Philip Michael Barker up to a maximum of £288,001 towards repair and restoration works at Nos. 22-30 High Street, SNAFU, as detailed in the report now submitted, subject to Heritage Lottery Fund appraisal and approval.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items of business.

22. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- to be confirmed.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Economic Development, Planning and Transportation Matters	
2.	Date:	21 st June 2010	
3.	Title:	B6098 Bolton Road, Manvers; Ward 19 Wath Proposed New Shared Use Pedestrian / Cycle Footway	
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services	

5. Summary

To inform Cabinet Member of a proposal to provide a new length of pedestrian / cycle footway on the B6098 Bolton Road, Manvers.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that

- 1. The results of the consultation exercise be noted.
- 2. Authority be given for the detailed design to be carried out and for the scheme to be implemented.
- 3. Note that the scheme is to be funded by a neighbouring authority as part of their Community Infrastructure Funding.

7. Proposals and Details

A report submitted to Cabinet Member on 7th June 2010 (minute No G6 refers) explained a proposal to improve cycling and walking facilities in the Manvers area as part of a package of measures funded by Barnsley MBC as part of their successful bid for Community Infrastructure Funding. This report highlights a further scheme that has been derived as part of this successful bid.

The existing footway on the western side of the B6098 Bolton Road Manvers, terminates approximately 30m into Bolton Road from the Manvers roundabout. At this point pedestrians and cyclists have to cross the carriageway from the existing segregated pedestrian / cycle footway (on the western side of Bolton Road) to either continue down Bolton Road or to circulate the Manvers roundabout. It is our intention to provide a continuation of the footway on the western side of Bolton Road to the point where the public footpath (Footpath No 50) joins onto Bolton Road, (See Appendix A). This will then provide a continuous footpath from the Trans Pennine Trail to Manvers Roundabout.

A further scheme is being derived to convert footpath No 50 to bridleway status which will enable cyclists to use this link. This proposal will be reported within the near future. The proposed footway on Bolton Road will be approximately 2m wide and will be designated as a shared use pedestrian / cycle footway and will provide a useful continuous link between the Dearne towns of Bolton upon Dearne, Goldthorpe etc to areas of employment and education within the Manvers area.

8. Finance

It is estimated that the works will cost approximately £40,000 with funding being available from Barnsley MBC's Community Infrastructure Funding

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The scheme must be implemented before March 2011 to receive full funding from Barnsley MBC. Delays in receiving approvals may result in the scheme not being implemented before this date

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

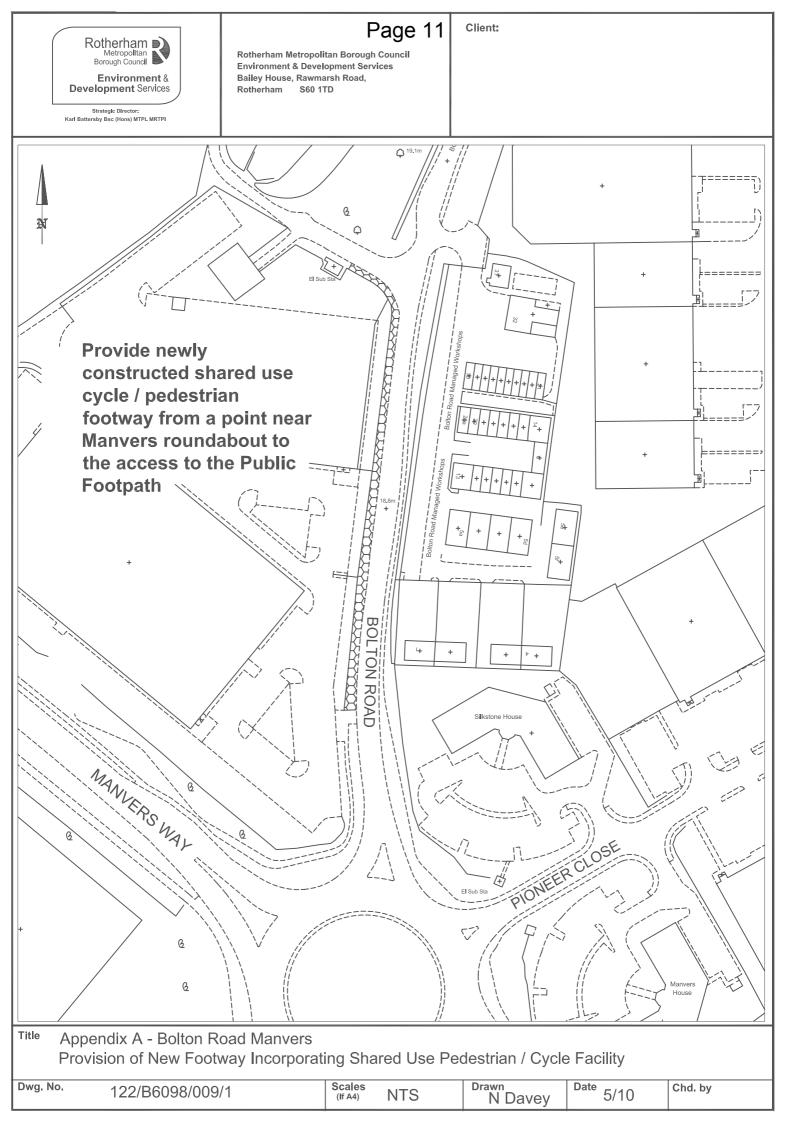
The proposed scheme is in line with the Councils' main themes of Alive, Safe and Achieving and also accords with the Equalities Policy.

11.Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation with the South Yorkshire Police and Ward Members has been undertaken with regard to the proposal.

No objections to the scheme have been received as a result of any of these consultations.

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Economic Development, Planning and Transportation Matters
2.	Date:	21 June 2010
3.	Title:	A630 Rotherham to Thrybergh Smart Route Proposed Improvements
4.	Programme Area:	Economic and Development Services

5. Summary

To seek Cabinet Member approval to undertake the detailed design and implementation of highway improvements at Mushroom roundabout (the junction of the A630 Fitzwilliam Road/Doncaster Road and A6123 Herringthorpe Valley Road/Aldwarke Lane). The proposals include the introduction of traffic lights to control traffic on the roundabout and facilitate the provision of pedestrian crossings on all arms. It also includes for the infilling of the subway on Fitzwilliam Road approach to the roundabout and extending the existing bus only lane.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member resolve that the report prepared by WSP and its recommendations be received and that:

- i. detailed design of a traffic light controlled junction with associated highway works be undertaken
- ii. a community information giving exercise be carried out in partnership with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive
- iii. the proposal be implemented subject to no issues being raised at the information giving stage.

7. Proposals and Details

Background:

As part of the Rotherham Bus Key Routes working group; which is made up of representatives First Group; the primary bus operator, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTE) and Rotherham Council (RMBC), the SYPTE commissioned a public consultation exercise in June 2009 to establish public opinion on issues that affected the key route between Rotherham Town Centre and the borough boundary with Doncaster along the A630, identified as the Rotherham to Thrybergh Smart Route.

This exercise attempted to establish the public's perception of this bus route and in particular their views on 4 key locations and potential improvements:

College Road roundabout – improvements in and out of the interchange Fitzwilliam Road – widening the approach to St. Ann's roundabout Mushroom roundabout – improvements to traffic flow Doncaster Road (Whinney Hill) – additional in bound bus only lane

The consultation exercise delivered leaflets to over 10,000 properties along and surrounding the route, there were 30 Community Access Points where leaflets could be picked up and feedback given together with advertisements in the Rotherham Advertiser and Rotherham Record. There was also a specific web site for the consultation which allowed contact via email and all mediums provided a contact telephone number. The respondents identified the following areas of concern:

- Improve traffic flow along the corridor and reduce congestion and delays.
- Improve journey time reliability as a whole and improve punctuality and journey times for public transport. Mushroom roundabout was identified as the most important location for improvements with this junction receiving the most frequent single issue response which was the desire to see traffic lights introduced.

As part of the Dalton and East Herringthorpe Development Framework 'master planning' process for Dalton and East Herringthorpe in the summer of 2008 a workshop was held with members of the local community for Dalton and East Herringthorpe to identify local accessibility issues and barriers to accessing local facilities and services. Mushroom roundabout was seen as a major barrier to movement for pedestrians and cyclists particularly across Aldwarke Lane. Members of the group also highlighted that there were safety concerns with the use of the subway on Fitzwilliam Road, particularly during the evening and that this facility is seen as inconvenient to use.

Additionally Mushroom roundabout is identified as a congestion hotspot in the current Local Transport Plan (LTP 2).

Scheme development and analysis:

With this information in mind the working group identified possible interventions along the corridor to improve journey time and journey time reliability primarily for public transport but taking an holistic approach to the objectives these interventions should address accessibility issues and general traffic congestion. SYPTE then commissioned WSP to evaluate these possible interventions.

WSP worked closely with officers of the Councils' Transportation Unit to carry out the detailed evaluation and jointly developed improvements to the original proposals, a copy of their final report is attached as Appendix A to this report.

To summarise their report they considered the introduction of a number of measures at Mushroom roundabout and the implications these would have on traffic flow, bus movement and pedestrian access. WSP are also considering separately the implications of introducing measures at Whinney Hill and Oldgate Lane but the latter of these will be difficult to deliver due to the presence of statutory undertakers equipment.

A traffic model was developed by WSP to evaluate the effects of introducing these measures along the route as a whole. The options considered at Mushroom roundabout were:

Option 1(a) traffic metering – which involves introducing a set of traffic lights on the A6123 Herringthorpe Valley Road to meter the flow from this arm of the roundabout in order to create gaps on the circulatory carriageway to allow traffic out of A630 Fitzwilliam Road.

Option 1(b) traffic metering with a relocated pedestrian crossing on Herringthorpe Valley Road – this expanded on option 1(a) by relocating the existing crossing but also provided the pedestrian crossing on the desire line.

Option 2 Fitzwilliam Road bus lane extension – this developed further the existing bus lane by extending the bus lane so that the bus exited the bus lane closer to the give way line of the roundabout thereby avoiding more of the queue. This does involve filling in the existing subway and providing an on carriageway crossing.

Option 3 Doncaster Road bus lane extension – discounted due to land issues.

Option 4 Full traffic light control of the roundabout – options were tested both with and without pedestrian crossing facilities.

The analysis of these options undertaken by WSP considered the requirements of public transport for improved journey times but more importantly journey time reliability as journey times can currently fluctuate greatly and have a significant adverse impact on buses running to timetable. As previously mentioned they also considered road safety implications, pedestrian accessibility and general traffic flow and in particular congestion.

The analysis concluded that the full signalisation of the roundabout would give the best return by reducing traffic delay across the modelled network. The 'best return' was determined by giving a financial value to the delay suffered by road users and whilst the full signalisation of the roundabout has a significant cost associated with it (approximately $\pounds 1.4$ million), it does deliver a financial benefit which none of the other proposals are predicted to do.

In light of the significant cost to implement the scheme WSP were asked to evaluate the implications of not extending the bus lane on Fitzwilliam Road and therefore retain the subway and not provide an at grade pedestrian crossing on Fitzwilliam Road. Their report is attached as an addendum to Appendix 'A'. Not including these measures would reduce the overall cost of the scheme but the evaluation undertaken by WSP concluded that the predicted financial benefits from reduced congestion and delay during peak periods would be almost half that of the option to extend. During the peak hour periods the option without extending the bus lane increases the disbenefit to public transport in the morning peak and creates a disbenefit in the evening peak for buses.

The addendum demonstrates that in the first year the financial benefits from implementing the whole scheme are more than double that of the scheme without the extended bus lane across the whole modelled network. It can be seen from the work carried out by WSP that a significant benefit from the scheme is the reduced delays and congestion experienced on the A6123 Aldwarke Lane, the study did not set out to achieve an improvement in delay on this arm of the roundabout but it is an additional benefit of the scheme. It is particularly welcomed when it is considered how key this junction is to traffic movement on the 'northern orbital' route around the town (that section of highway between College Road roundabout and Mushroom roundabout via the A6123 Mangham Road and Great Eastern Way). It provides the potential to direct some traffic towards A6123 Aldwarke Lane rather than via the often congested A633 past Retail World. Not withstanding the overall benefits to traffic from the scheme it also offers the opportunity to replace a subway with an at grade crossing.

WSP also concluded that providing pedestrian facilities on all arms would not impact upon the operation of the roundabout, the design therefore includes for shared pedestrian and cycle crossings on all entry and exit arms of the roundabout a plan of this arrangement is available in their report attached at Appendix 'A'.

The existing crossings on Doncaster Road and Herringthorpe Valley Road would be relocated. The proposed crossing on Herringthorpe Valley Road would be where it is anticipated that the pedestrian desire line would be. Interrogation of our accident data base suggests that an higher than expected number of personal injury accidents occur at the crossing on Doncaster Road; 8 in the last 3 years which may be due in some part to its location, as this is where on the exit from the roundabout 2 lanes reduce to 1. However further analysis would have to be undertaken to determine the causation. The proposal would include for 2 new at grade crossings one on Aldwarke Lane which would assist in pedestrians crossing between the retail outlets on either side and one to replace the subway on Fitzwilliam Road. There is a significant cost associated with the removal of the subway but subways are perceived by the public as being places where anti social behaviour takes place. This is borne out by the comments made at the 'masterplanning' consultation

exercise where members of the public highlighted the subway crossing as a concern. Some highway authorities are actively encouraging the replacement of subways with at grade crossings due to the perceived anti social behaviour that takes place in and around them.

Due to the relocated pedestrian crossing on Herringthorpe Valley Road it is necessary to close the gap from Herringthorpe Valley Road into Doncaster Road as there isn't sufficient carriageway space to accommodate a right turn deceleration lane. Statutory consultation has commenced with bodies such as the emergency services and chamber of commerce regarding this. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service have raised a concern about the closure of this gap and have requested that we consider reopening the central reserve gap on Fitzwilliam Road to allow them easier access to parts of East Dene. This particular gap was originally for buses only to use and the closure process was instigated when it was highlighted that buses no longer use it and that it was now being used by general traffic as a 'rat run'. It should be relatively straightforward to accommodate the request of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue whilst still discouraging general traffic from using the gap.

All traffic light installations have an electronic controller to control the operation of the signals these usual work on fixed programmes; WSP recommended that this installation should operate utilising a more responsive type of control called 'MOVA' which can react more quickly to changing traffic conditions further optimising the operation of the roundabout. This type of controller is slightly more expensive but the benefits outweigh the initial set up cost.

The full signalisation of the roundabout with pedestrian crossings on all arms therefore provides the following benefits:

- reduced congestion at the roundabout and across the modelled network particularly on the A6123 Aldwarke Lane
- improved bus journey time reliability (very little variation between peak and off peak)
- at grade pedestrian/cycle crossings on all arms of the roundabout
- additional cycle facilities around the roundabout

8. Finance

The proposed improvements at Mushroom roundabout are estimated to cost \pounds 1.4million, the scheme has programme entry for the LTP strategic fund programme with \pounds 750,000 identified as available this year and \pounds 250,000 provisionally available next financial year. Furthermore, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive has also identified \pounds 500,000 to spend on this corridor this financial year and they have indicated they would contribute up to the full amount required for this project.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The funding is identified in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Strategic Fund Programme for this year and next but this money still has to be fully approved from the members of the Finance and Integrated Transport Working Group, but Council support for the scheme and a commitment to start would give the group confidence that the project could be delivered. Although £250,000 has been provisionally allocated to this scheme in 2011/12 the final LTP settlement will not be known until later this year.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

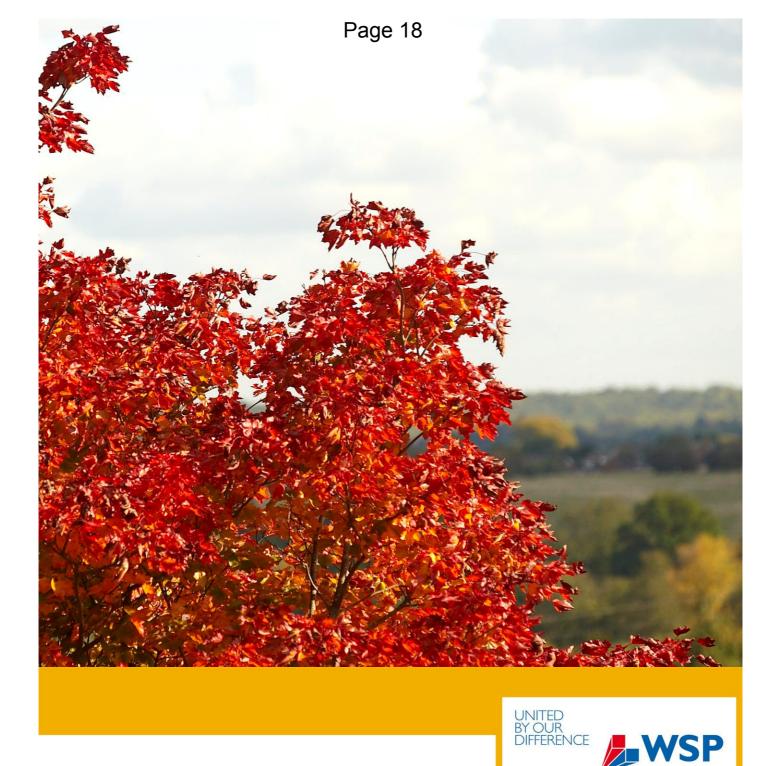
The proposals as outlined would assist in improving congestion and thereby improve air quality at this location. It would also improve accessibility and help to encourage a modal shift towards public transport, cycling and walking. Improved pedestrian crossings at the roundabout may also assist in regenerating this particular area of the borough.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Dalton and East Herringthorpe Draft Development Framework January 2008 A630 Rotherham – Thrybergh Smart Route Consultation update June 2009 A630 Thrybergh Key Route – Mushroom roundabout improvement option analysis May 2010 May 2010 Statutory consultation on the proposed closure of the central reserve gap

May 2010 Statutory consultation on the proposed closure of the central reserve gap on the A6123 Herringthorpe Valley Road.

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A630 Thrybergh Key Route – Mushroom Roundabout Improvement Option Analysis South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive May 2010





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Introduction

1.1 BACKGROUND

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1.1.1 WSP UK Ltd (WSP) has been commissioned by South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTE) to undertake a Study of Mushroom Roundabout on the A630 Key Route in Rotherham.

1.1.2 The Study focuses on improving the flow of traffic to reduce congestion and the subsequent delay currently experienced on the approaches to Mushroom Roundabout, whilst also considering potential improvements to existing pedestrian and cycle movements.

1.1.3 The preferred solution resulting from option analysis of the Mushroom Roundabout Study will contribute to a wider focus of potential improvements on the A630 Thrybergh Corridor, seeking to improve journey time reliability for public transport and reduce overall journey times.

1.1.4 The A630 Thrybergh Corridor is one of over 50 key routes identified in the overall Local Transport Plan strategy as providing important links to support economic and social development.

1.1.5 Mushroom roundabout is one of three key junctions on the A630 Thrybergh Corridor which contribute to journey time delay and reliability issues. The roundabout has been highlighted by bus operators as the main cause of congestion on the key route and by RMBC as the number one hotspot in the congestion reduction plan. The two other junctions are:

- St Ann's Roundabout junction between A630 and A633; and
- Oldgate Lane junction with A630.

1.1.6 As highlighted in the Client Brief, there are a number of potential future external factors which may impact on Mushroom Roundabout, these are outlined below:

- Potential Parkgate Retail Park extension;
- Development of Corus site; and
- Aspirations for an outer ring road.

1.1.7 Although the above are key factors, given the uncertainty over the timescales and impact on the junction they are excluded from this Study.

1.2 SITE LOCATION

1.2.1 Located approximately 1.5 miles to the east of Rotherham Town Centre, the A630 forms a junction with A6123 at Mushroom Roundabout. The Roundabout is a four arm priority junction providing for all movements between Aldwarke Lane, Doncaster Road, Herringthorpe Valley Road and Fitzwilliam Road. The A630 provides a strategic east-west road route between Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster and is a primary route for traffic within Rotherham and beyond.

1.2.2 A site location plan is provided as Figure A1 of Appendix A to this report.

1.2.3 Mushroom Roundabout has been identified by the Local Highway Authority as a site of concern for the accessibility and safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists. It is also considered an area of significant congestion within the local network for all vehicles, particularly public transport. A specific issue is noted of evening peak congestion at the entrance to the outbound Fitzwilliam Road bus lane.

1.2.4 There is a mix of residential, retail and commercial land use surrounding the junction. This results in a high demand for safe pedestrian and cycle facilities, of which there is currently limited provision at the junction.

1.2.5 Toucan Crossings are located approximately 100 metres from the roundabout on both Herringthorpe Valley Road and Doncaster Road, and there is a pedestrian subway under Fitzwilliam Road. Aldwarke Lane currently has no formal pedestrian or cycle crossing facilities.

1.2.6 For bus users arriving from the west to access the Supermarket, the current options available are to alight on Fitzwilliam Road and cross uncontrolled over the Aldwarke Lane arm or use the subway and formal crossing facilities of Herringthorpe Valley Road and Doncaster Road; or to alight on Doncaster Road at the stop located 350m after Mushroom Roundabout and return.

1.3 SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICY OBJECTIVES

1.3.1 The second Local Transport Plan for South Yorkshire (LTP2) has been produced as a joint plan by the four Councils in South Yorkshire and the Passenger Transport Authority (PTA). The document identifies a new Transport Strategy and Action Plan for the 5 year period (2006/7 - 20010/11) and defines the longer term vision for transport in supporting the aspirations for transformational economic growth in the sub-region.

1.3.2 In 2002 the Government and Local Government Association (LGA) agreed a set of seven Shared Priorities for Local Government that would form the basis for improving public services. There are four Shared Priorities, now considered by Department for Transport (DfT) to have been replaced by DaSTS (<u>Delivering a</u> <u>Sustainable Transport System</u>), for transport that forms the basis of the LTP's transport strategy. The identified priorities are:-

- Congestion;
- Accessibility;
- Road Safety; and
- Air Quality.

1.3.3 The introduction of successful economic policies, particularly arising from the infusion of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Objective 1 has led to higher levels of economic activity and car ownership in the region. As traffic volumes have increased, over the same period the dominant public transport mode, the bus, has experienced patronage decline.

1.3.4 In view of the above a South Yorkshire Congestion Strategy was developed in support of the South Yorkshire Vision. The Strategy recognises the need to stem the current level of private car use by addressing the issues of delay and congestion within South Yorkshire, particularly on the Key Route Network.

1.3.5 The Key Route Network is an integral component of the overall LTP2 Strategy, with over 50 routes having been identified that provide important links in supporting economic and social development. The Key Route Network was derived from the main arterial routes of accessibility between the principal urban centres of South Yorkshire. These arterial routes also connect to other centres external to the County.

1.3.6 The primary focus of the Strategy is to reduce congestion by encouraging increased levels of patronage to public transport through improvement of the core services and by enhancing the performance of the existing highway network through introduction of active management techniques, specifically the use of UTMC (<u>U</u>rban <u>Traffic Management and C</u>ontrol) systems.

1.3.7 LTP2 forecasts predict that even with interventions car ownership and use is predicted to rise, resulting in increased congestion on the Key Routes. The Key Routes are integral to the delivery of the South Yorkshire LTP2 Strategy to deliver improvements in each Shared Priority area. Congestion will be addressed as follows:-

- Improved operating conditions for bus operators;
- Tackling delays and unpredictable journey times on Key Routes and improving the balance between competing demands of different road users;
- Achieving modal shift from the private car by promoting public transport services;
- Managing demand and reducing the need to travel through integrated transport, land use and parking policies;
- Provide new infrastructure or facilities to enhance network performance but lock-in the benefits for public transport users; and
- Development of a freight strategy.

1.3.8 It is acknowledged that resources available over the remaining LTP2 period are limited, however, utilising the Key Route Network as a focus for prioritisation will maximise the benefits of further investment.

1.3.9 The targets identified in LTP2 were set on the basis that no additional funding would be made available to South Yorkshire for new major schemes, as directed by DfT. However, SYPTE has significant aspirations to deliver infrastructure and facilities improvements through the major scheme program that will contribute to the targets of LTP2.

1.3.10 This project relates specifically to a review of the existing operation of Mushroom Roundabout and focuses on identifying a solution to provide increased provision for pedestrians and cyclists whilst also delivering journey time reliability and savings for all modes of transport.

1.4 REPORT STRUCTURE

- 1.4.1 The following Report will be structured as detailed below:
- Micro-Simulation Base Model;
- Initial Option Identification and Modelling
- Option Development
- Final Option Analysis;
- Sensitivity Testing; and
- Recommendations and Way Forward.

2 Micro-Simulation Base Model

2.1 INTRODUCTION

2.1.1 On behalf of SYPTE a Paramics model has previously been developed by WSP to assess the A630 Thrybergh Corridor. The Paramics model was constructed to assess the impact of background traffic growth and scheme proposals on bus journey times.

2.1.2 Agreement was reached from SYPTE and Rotherham MBC (RMBC) in terms of the validity of the previous Paramics model being fit for purpose to assess the proposed improvements at Mushroom Roundabout, as identified in this Study.

2.2 MODEL DESCRIPTION

S-Paramics Micro-Simulation Modelling Software

2.2.1 Paramics is a micro-simulation modelling package that simulates the individual components of traffic flow and congestion, presenting its output as a real time visual display in addition to statistical output.

2.2.2 As well as the physical description of the road network, other driver features such as bus operations, traffic signal settings, driver behaviour characteristics such as aggression, and vehicle kinematics such as acceleration profiles are all represented. Through combination of these factors a model can be produced which gives an accurate representation of the variable circumstances that face drivers on the network.

2.2.3 In addition, the use of statistical distributions enables the user to model and replicate variances in day to day travel and to assess the significance of this variance to assist in decision making.

2.2.4 The Paramics software suite also contains a matrix estimation module, which was used for this corridor model. The trip matrix was constructed from traffic counts and surveys, queue surveys, visual inspection of the network and finally matrix estimation.

2.2.5 The model was calibrated to queue length surveys and validated against turning counts and journey time surveys.

Modelled Network

2.2.6 The Paramics model consists of a number of junctions along the A630 Corridor, from the signalised junction formed between the A630 and the A6021 Centenary Way flyover to the west and the priority junction formed between the A630 and Park Lane to the east.

2.2.7 The area outlined by the Paramics model cordon is illustrated on Figure A2 of Appendix A to this report.

2.2.8 A screenshot of the Paramics model is provided as Figure A3 of Appendix A.

2.2.9 The model was developed to contain morning and evening peak periods. The morning peak period is modelled by the time period 07:00 - 10:00 hrs with 08:00 - 09:00 hrs representing the peak hour. The evening peak period is modelled by time period 16:00 - 19:00 hrs with 17:00 - 18:00 hrs representing the peak hour.

2.3 EXISTING SITUATION

Degree of Congestion

2.3.1 Under its current design Mushroom Roundabout operates reasonably well during the morning peak period. All approaches see maximum queue lengths in the region of 40 - 80 meters throughout the three hour peak period (07:00 - 10:00 hrs).

2.3.2 The evening peak period (16:00 - 19:00 hrs) sees more variation in maximum queue length by approach. Doncaster Road and Herringthorpe Valley Road see queue lengths in the region of 50 - 90 meters and 30 - 70 meters respectively, a similar level to that experienced in the morning peak period.

2.3.3 Fitzwilliam Road sees a maximum queue length of approximately 400 meters between 16:45 and 18:15 hrs. This level of delay impacts significantly on the reliability of buses on the A630 corridor as a queue of 400 meters in length restricts access to the outbound (eastbound) bus lane on the approach to the roundabout.

2.3.4 Aldwarke Lane sees the most significant level of queuing in the evening peak period with a maximum queue length in the region of 500 meters being sustained throughout the modelled period.

2.3.5 A key contributing factor to the delay on both Fitzwilliam Road and Aldwarke Lane is the ability for vehicles to enter the roundabout as a direct result of insufficient gaps being available in the circulating traffic flow.

Existing Bus Services

2.3.6 There are currently three services which operate with a frequency of 15 minutes or better through the junction. These are:

- X78: Doncaster Sheffield;
- 15: Rotherham East Herringthorpe Circular; and
- 37: Rotherham Thrybergh.

2.3.7 Further services operate less frequently. These are:

- 4: Rotherham Ravenfield; and
- 11: Rotherham East Dene.

2.3.8 In total there are 19 services per hour passing through the junction during Monday to Friday daytime. All services currently see journey time reliability issues which can partly be attributed to delay experienced approaching Mushroom roundabout.

3 Initial Option Identification and Modelling

3.1 SCOPING OF INITIAL OPTIONS

3.1.1 Following discussions between SYPTE, RMBC and the public transport operators First Group, WSP was issued with a brief outlining eight options to improve the flow of traffic around Mushroom Roundabout requiring modelling. These options were:

- Option 1 (a) Metering of flow from Herringthorpe Valley Road on to Mushroom Roundabout using traffic signals;
- Option 1 (b) Closure of the right turn from the Herringthorpe Valley Road exit from the roundabout into Doncaster Road, combined with a Toucan Crossing across Herringthorpe Valley Road;
- Option 2 Improvements to Fitzwilliam Road including closure of the subway and replacement pedestrian crossings and extension of the bus lane towards Mushroom Roundabout;
- Option 3 Acquisition of the land to the front of a property on the inbound Doncaster Road approach to Mushroom Roundabout, to allow carriageway widening to benefit the outbound traffic movement;
- Option 4 (a) Full signalisation of Mushroom Roundabout;
- Option 4 (b) Full signalisation of Mushroom Roundabout with pedestrian crossing facilities across the centre of the roundabout or should it prove more beneficial, across the arms of the junction;
- Option 5 (a) Change lane destinations on exit to Doncaster Road to allow nearside lane to be left only into ASDA or a left lane for ASDA and buses; and
- Option 5 (b) Change lane destinations on exit to Doncaster Road to allow nearside lane to be left only into ASDA or a left lane for ASDA and buses. In addition, change lane markings on eastern circulatory carriageway to allow three lanes.

3.1.2 RMBC supplied WSP with scheme drawings for each of the options listed above to enable option testing models to be developed in Paramics.

3.1.3 On the receipt of the scheme drawings WSP held discussions with SYPTE and RMBC from which it was agreed that Option 3, Option 4 (a) and Option 5 (a) and (b) should to be removed from the brief due to:

- Issues having arisen with respect to the acquisition of land required to implement Option 3;
- The need to provide pedestrian facilities in a full signalisation scheme of Option 4 (a); and
- Options 5 (a) and (b) would imbalance vehicle flows on the Fitzwilliam Road approach to Mushroom Roundabout leading to reduced capacity for the main flow of west to east traffic.

3.1.4 The short length of the internal links means the roundabout is not capable of incorporating pedestrian crossings across the centre of the roundabout without an unacceptable impact on queue space available to accommodate vehicles. Therefore the Option 4 (b) design included pedestrian crossings across the arms of the junction.

3.1.5 Following the alteration to the brief SYPTE requested that WSP model an additional option which would include the best performing option from Option 1 (a) and 1 (b) combined with Option 2.

3.2 LIMITATIONS OF DESIGN & MODELLING

3.2.1 WSP has developed option testing models in Paramics based on the designs supplied by RMBC assuming that they are suitable for use.

3.2.2 No topographical surveys have been supplied with the designs. Therefore all designs have been developed based on Ordinance Survey map bases.

3.2.3 No Lane widths have been measured on site by WSP. RMBC has advised that they are happy with the dimensions of the designs supplied.

3.2.4 RMBC has advised that AutoTrack runs have been undertaken to ensure three circulating lanes are viable on the roundabout within its current dimensions

3.2.5 Only the options agreed between SYPTE and RMBC have been modelled. Further options have been considered but not progressed to modelling stage due to assumptions being made on the suitability.

3.2.6 No statutory undertaker's plans have been supplied to WSP. RMBC have highlighted that one service may be affected at Mushroom Roundabout incurring an approximate cost of \pounds 6,000 to divert.

3.3 INITIAL MODELLING

3.3.1 Utilising the scheme drawings supplied by RMBC as overlays, the following option models were developed in Paramics:

- Option 1 (a) Traffic Metering;
- Option 1 (b) Toucan Crossing;
- Option 2 Bus Lane Extension; and
- Option 4 Full Signalisation with Fixed Time Operation.

3.3.2 Each of the options listed are discussed below in more detail including a summary of the modelled findings.

Option 1 (a) – Traffic Metering

3.3.3 A sketch of this option can be found at Figure B1 of Appendix B.

3.3.4 Option 1 (a) utilises a set of traffic signals located 20 metres from the roundabout giveway line to meter the flow of traffic from Herringthorpe Valley Road on to Mushroom Roundabout.

3.3.5 The location of the stopline for the metering signals is restricted by the junction of Herringthorpe Valley Road and old Doncaster Road. The left turn out of and right turn in to Doncaster Road combined with the need to locate the stopline at a safe distance from the roundabout, fixed the stopline at the location seen in Figure B1.

3.3.6 Modelling of Option 1 (a) indicated that the traffic signals created more suitable gaps in the traffic on the circulatory carriageway to allow vehicles on the Fitzwilliam Road approach to move out on to the roundabout thus reducing the level of queuing seen on the approach. The length of queue can be reduced such that it does not impact

on the operation of the existing bus lane on Fitzwilliam Road therefore minimising the delay experienced by buses.

3.3.7 By metering the flow of traffic on Herringthorpe Valley Road fewer gaps are available in the traffic for vehicles wishing to make the right turn in to old Doncaster Road. The existing length of right turn provision is not sufficient to cope with the queue formed; therefore the queue was seen to extend back on to the roundabout impacting on its operation. This is an intermittent issue which was mainly seen in the morning peak period.

3.3.8 Regardless of the signal timings used at the metering signals there is an increase in the level of queuing on Herringthorpe Valley Road compared to the existing situation. This is something which can not be avoided due to the nature of metering signals; the basic principle being to distribute overall delay to an alternative location to benefit another.

3.3.9 To balance the queues in line with objectives, the signal timings can be varied. We have modelled a balanced situation leading to queues on Fitzwilliam Road just shorter than the bus lane and queues on Herringthorpe Valley Road extending, at worst, slightly beyond Mowbray Street

Option 1 (a) – Conclusions

3.3.10 This option provides an effective solution to reducing the queuing experienced on Fitzwilliam Road. The metering of traffic on Herringthorpe Valley Road creates sufficient gaps in the traffic on the circulatory carriageway for traffic waiting on Fitzwilliam Road to enter the roundabout. The queuing predicted on Fitzwilliam Road could potentially delay buses if general traffic is higher than that modelled, as the queue is almost as long as the bus lane.

3.3.11 The close spacing of the traffic signals and the roundabout giveway leads to a potential safety concern as drivers may incorrectly perceive that the signals also indicate that they can enter the roundabout without giving way to circulating traffic. In general, to mitigate this risk, metering stop lines would be set further from the roundabout and signals would only operate at busy times of day. Due to the proximity of the Doncaster Road junction, there is extremely limited scope to vary the position of the stop line.

3.3.12 If this solution were adopted, we recommend the metering signals should operate in the evening peak period only. This would then deliver the benefits from metering traffic in the evening peak when it is needed to reduce queuing seen on Fitzwilliam Road but it would not cause unnecessary delay to vehicles on Herringthorpe Valley Road at other times. Appropriately targeted part time operation reduces the risk that drivers may believe the signals give them priority to enter the roundabout. This safety issue cannot be replicated in the model and needs careful consideration.

3.3.13 There is the potential to utilise queue detection on Fitzwilliam Road to adjust signal timings to minimise overall delay and manage queues in line with strategic objectives.

Option 1 (b) – Toucan Crossing

3.3.14 A sketch of this option can be found at Figure B2 of Appendix B.

3.3.15 Option 1 (b) utilises the stopline position from Option 1 (a) but further develops the method of control to include a Toucan Crossing facility across the northbound and

southbound carriageway. To accommodate the Toucan Crossing the right turn from Herringthorpe Valley Road in to Doncaster Road must be closed.

3.3.16 The closure of the right turn in to Doncaster Road from Herringthorpe Valley Road requires the re-routing of vehicles wishing to gain access to the Doncaster Road area. It is not a feasible option to send all vehicles down Herringthorpe Valley Road to make a right turn in to Mowbray Street, nor is it sensible to allow U-turns on Herringthorpe Valley Road. Therefore it was considered most suitable to route vehicles along Fitzwilliam Road to make a left turn in to Mowbray Street.

3.3.17 To ensure the Mowbray Street junction with Fitzwilliam Road is suitable for use by all vehicles it will require improvement to accommodate the larger vehicles including buses.

3.3.18 Some initial assumptions were made by RMBC regarding the level of traffic reassignment expected due to the closure of the right turn in to Doncaster Road. Modelling with these assumptions showed an adverse affect on the operation of St Ann's roundabout due to the increase in number of vehicles arriving at the roundabout on Fitzwilliam Road.

3.3.19 The impact modelled at St Ann's prompted RMBC to commission a number plate survey to capture the current level of use and destinations of the vehicles travelling on Doncaster Road. The results of the number plate survey suggested that a high percentage (approximately 70%) of the traffic accessing Doncaster Road has a final destination within the Doncaster Road area and would therefore not reassign to Fitzwilliam Road to make their journey.

3.3.20 Using the findings of the number plate survey Option 1 (b) was remodelled with the impact at St Ann's roundabout being removed, and following the changes queues were observed at a similar level to existing.

3.3.21 The interaction of the Toucan Crossing on Herringthorpe Valley Road and the junction with Doncaster Road caused significant issues in the modelling carried out.

3.3.22 The Toucan Crossing causes delay for vehicles on Herringthorpe Valley Road which queue across the priority junction with Doncaster Road. Due to the vehicles on the main road having priority, the vehicles on Doncaster Road have insufficient gaps to exit the junction. The inability to gain access to Herringthorpe Valley Road results in a excessive queue forming on Doncaster Road extending back to, and through, the roundabout formed at the junction with Mowbray Street.

3.3.23 The queue on Herringthorpe Valley Road is exacerbated by both the operation of the Toucan Crossing and the difficulties in entering Mushroom Roundabout once vehicles are through the crossing.

3.3.24 As mentioned above the closure of the right turn in to Doncaster Road requires the diverting of vehicles along Fitzwilliam Road to Mowbray Street. The resulting queue on Herringthorpe Valley Road caused by the Toucan Crossing restricts the ability for the re-routing vehicles to access the Mowbray Street roundabout. This conflict quickly creates a delay of its own resulting in a queue extending from Mowbray Street on to Fitzwilliam Road.

3.3.25 Alternative signal timings for the Toucan Crossing were tested by varying the green time for the traffic phase. None of the options tested removed the problems highlighted by the modelling.

Option 1 (b) – Conclusions

3.3.26 The modelling undertaken illustrates that this option has no material benefit in terms of the practical performance of Mushroom Roundabout. Congestion is experienced during the peak periods irrespective of signal plans utilised for the Toucan Crossing. However there is scope for the option to be developed to a workable solution by reviewing the lane destinations on the Herringthorpe Valley Road approach to the roundabout as described later in this report.

3.3.27 As with Option 1 (a), the close spacing of the Toucan Crossing and the roundabout giveway leads to a potential safety concern as drivers may incorrectly perceive that the signals also indicate that they can enter the roundabout without giving way to circulating traffic.

3.3.28 In addition to this, if there is insufficient pedestrian demand for the Toucan Crossing, to make it effective as a metering system, then artificial demand would have to be generated.

Option 2 – Fitzwilliam Road Bus Lane Extension

3.3.29 A sketch of this option can be found at Figure B3 of Appendix B.

3.3.30 This option extends the existing bus lane towards Mushroom Roundabout allowing buses to gain a further advantage over queuing traffic. It also includes the removal of the existing subway with the provision of staggered Toucan Crossings across the bus lane and eastbound and westbound carriageways in its place, providing a more attractive facility for pedestrians and cyclists.

3.3.31 To provided greater benefits to buses the stop located within the bus lane has been relocated to maximise the opportunity for earlier detection on the approach to the signals.

Option 2 – Conclusions

3.3.32 This option clearly delivers benefits to pedestrians in terms of increased perception of personal safety through crossing provision. The model also indicates an additional slight benefit to buses due to the extension of the bus lane through a reduction in time for buses to access the roundabout from the bus lane.

3.3.33 However, this option in isolation does little to alleviate the queuing witnessed on Fitzwilliam Road. Hence, as buses are delayed prior to entering the bus lane, the overall benefits to buses are minimal.

Option 4 – Full Signalisation with Fixed Time Control

3.3.34 A sketch of this option can be found at Figure B4 of Appendix B.

3.3.35 In the scheme design supplied by RMBC they have indicated that the current roundabout alignment can accommodate three circulating lanes with minor widening on the north east corner only. Hence the inclusion of three circulating lanes in the scheme designs.

3.3.36 For Option 4 to be viable it requires three circulating lanes on each internal link within the roundabout. RMBC has advised that swept path analysis has been carried out on this layout to confirm the suitability of the scheme. The exact scope of works required to the roundabout would need to be considered if the scheme is progressed to detailed design stage.

3.3.37 Option 4 provides full signalisation of Mushroom roundabout incorporating pedestrian crossings across the entry and exits of the Aldwarke Lane and Herringthorpe Valley Road approaches. To facilitate the pedestrian crossing on Aldwarke Lane Option 4 requires the closure of the right turn from Herringthorpe Valley Road as in Option 1 (b).

3.3.38 Option 4 also includes all aspects of Option 2 detailed and discussed above. This provides pedestrian facilities on three of the four arms of the roundabout with an existing Toucan Crossing located approximately 100m to the east on Doncaster Road.

3.3.39 The full signalisation scheme was initially developed and modelled in Linsig Version 3 collaboratively between RMBC and WSP to gain a suitable set of initial timings for inclusion in the Paramics model.

3.3.40 The Linsig analysis predicted that the scheme should provide adequate capacity, although the junction would be sensitive to small changes in either demand or signal timings due to the short internal links on the roundabout.

3.3.41 The Paramics modelling showed the full signalisation to operate well during the morning peak period with the internal links being cleared of vehicle queues in each cycle.

3.3.42 In the evening peak the interaction between the pedestrian crossing on Doncaster Road and the signalised roundabout creates operational issues. This was due to vehicle behaviour on the exit of the roundabout on to Doncaster Road. Vehicles generally use one lane only to exit the roundabout due to the issues caused by the merge from two lanes to one directly after the pedestrian crossing.

3.3.43 The Linsig model utilised two full lanes on the Doncaster Road exit from the roundabout towards the pedestrian crossing. This however is contradicted by the observations made on existing traffic movements. Due to the merge to one lane which is located directly after the pedestrian crossing on the crest of the road, vehicles exit the roundabout mostly using one lane only so to avoid having to merge further along Doncaster Road.

3.3.44 This effective reduction in lanes to a single lane, replicated in the Paramics model causes queuing traffic blocking back from the crossing, quickly impacting on the operation of the roundabout.

3.3.45 As in Option 1 (b), the closure of the right turn in to old Doncaster Road from Herringthorpe Valley Road requires the re-routing of vehicles wishing to gain access to the Doncaster Road area. To ensure the Mowbray Street junction with Fitzwilliam Road is suitable for use by all vehicles it will require amendment to the existing kerb line to facilitate the movements of large vehicles.

3.3.46 Again, as for Option 1 (b) the same initial assumptions regarding the level of reassignment were made with the same impact of increased queues witnessed at St Ann's roundabout. The findings of the number plate survey were modelled with the impact at St Ann's roundabout being removed, and queuing levels then being observed at a similar level to existing.

Option 4 – Conclusions

3.3.47 When implementing on site observations within the model it became apparent that the pedestrian crossing on Doncaster Road is a substantial constraint to optimum network performance when considering a full signalisation scheme for Mushroom Roundabout.

3.3.48 The additional demand reaching the crossing as a result of the improvement of the roundabout causes the traffic capacity of the crossing to be exceeded. Therefore any scheme to fully signalise Mushroom Roundabout would require further consideration on the location of the existing Toucan Crossing to ensure efficient operation of both the crossing and the roundabout.

3.4 SUMMARY OF INITIAL MODELLING AND AGREED NEXT STEPS

3.4.1 From the initial modelling carried out Option 1 (a) was identified as a viable option in terms of its operational performance and controlling the level of delay experience for vehicles on Fitzwilliam Road.

3.4.2 However, due to the safety concerns surrounding the design of Option 1 (a) for both pedestrians and vehicles it was agreed with SYPTE and RMBC that WSP would further develop Option 1 (b) in a bid to improve its performance as it was perceived as providing improved safety over Option 1 (a).

3.4.3 The full signalisation of Mushroom Roundabout in Option 4 provides a suitable solution in the morning peak but the interaction between the remote Toucan Crossing on Doncaster Road and the signalised roundabout leads to extensive queues to building rapidly in the evening peak.

3.4.4 WSP carried out an additional site visit with RMBC to observe the interaction of the existing Toucan Crossing on Doncaster Road and the uncontrolled Mushroom Roundabout. Following the site visit was agreed that an amended full traffic signal control option, incorporating improved pedestrian facilities would be developed and tested in Linsig and Paramics by WSP. This option is described and discussed in the following chapter.

4 Option Development

4.1 OPTION DEVELOPMENT

Option 1 (b) – Toucan Crossing and reassigned lane destinations on Herringthorpe Valley Road

4.1.1 A sketch of this option can be found as Figure C1 of Appendix C.

4.1.2 Having modelled the initial option and evaluated the reasons for its failure to deliver a viable solution it became apparent that there was scope to further develop Option 1 (b) to ensure it delivered the required benefits for all users.

4.1.3 In the initial option the lane destinations on Herringthorpe Valley Road did not make optimum use of the road space available. The number of left turning vehicles from Herringthorpe Valley Road is low, hence having a dedicated left turn lane is considered inefficient in terms of capacity.

4.1.4 Altering the lane destinations on the approach to the Mushroom Roundabout to promote left and ahead movements from lane one, ahead and right from lane two and right only from lane three increases the capacity of the approach without the need for additional widening of the carriageway.

4.1.5 The alteration of lane destinations on the approach to the roundabout requires the roundabout to be converted to three circulating lanes. As previously discussed for Option 4 it has been demonstrated by RMBC that the roundabout can accommodate three circulating lanes within its existing alignment.

Option 1 (b) – Conclusions

4.1.6 The Paramics modelling indicates that the additional capacity created at the roundabout stopline allows a clear benefit to be given to the queuing on Fitzwilliam Road without adversely affecting vehicles on Herringthorpe Valley Road or Doncaster Road.

4.1.7 In addition to this, the Toucan Crossing is modelled to simulate a demand every cycle so to ensure a 'worst case' scenario for Herringthorpe Valley Road is shown.

4.1.8 The level of pedestrian demand will impact on the success of this option in reducing queues on Fitzwilliam Road unless it is decided to incorporate a mechanism for artificially demanding the crossing phase on Herringthorpe Valley Road to create sufficient gaps in the circulatory traffic for vehicles on Fitzwilliam Road to move out in to.

4.1.9 The close proximity of the stop and give way lines and using artificial demand to call the pedestrian phase on the crossing leads to safety concerns. If vehicles are held at a crossing point with no pedestrians crossing the road then there is a risk that drivers will assume the signals control the roundabout entry and therefore fail to give way.

4.1.10 This option does not address the issue of excessive queuing on Aldwarke Lane although it does not exacerbate the existing queuing.

Option 4 – Relocated Toucan Crossing on Doncaster Road and provision of pedestrian crossing at Mushroom roundabout

4.1.11 A sketch of this option can be found as Figure C2 of Appendix C.

4.1.12 Based on the findings from the full signalisation scheme and site observations this option relocates the existing Toucan Crossings on Doncaster Road to a point 120 meters to the east at the site of an existing pedestrian refuge. This location follows the merge from two lanes and therefore ensures more efficient lane usage on the exit of the roundabout.

4.1.13 To ensure sufficient provision for pedestrians there is also a staggered crossing incorporated in to the Doncaster Road arm of the roundabout. Provision of two separate crossings is considered appropriate to meet the pedestrian desire lines observed.

4.1.14 Having modelled both MOVA and fixed cycle control for the crossing it is the recommendation of WSP that the relocated Toucan Crossing be operated on MOVA (<u>Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation</u>) control. This will deliver the optimum performance for all users by allowing more responsive changes when a pedestrian demand is placed under uncongested conditions, and also extending green time for all traffic when needed to help avoid congestion and prevent any significant and sustained vehicle queues. MOVA control of the crossing is included in the final model, even when the roundabout is modelled with fixed time plans.

4.1.15 The amended design sees a significant reduction in queuing on Fitzwilliam Road compared to the existing situation. In addition to this, the reduced level of queuing that is still observed does not extend back past the start of the bus lane. This delivers an improvement for all traffic compared to the existing situation with buses still receiving a benefit over other vehicles due to the extended bus lane on Fitzwilliam Road, which is the targeted aim during the peak periods.

4.1.16 Herringthorpe Valley Road and Doncaster Road experience no significant adverse affect as a consequence of the signalisation with the added benefit of the provision of pedestrian facilities across identified desire lines.

4.1.17 As a result of fixed time signalisation being focused on prioritising the A630 Corridor, Aldwarke Lane experiences some increased delay in the current evening peak model; this is due to the signal timings used to accommodate the issues caused on the Doncaster Road exit of the roundabout.

4.1.18 There is a need to evaluate the likely level of demand for the Toucan Crossings and optimise the signal operation both at the crossing and the roundabout accordingly.

Option 4 – Conclusions

4.1.19 This amended full signalisation option demonstrates that benefits can be achieved to both traffic and pedestrians, improving journey times on the corridor in the evening peak hour compared with the base situation.

4.1.20 This option does not address the issue of excessive queuing on Aldwarke Lane.

4.2 SUMMARY OF OPTION DEVELOPMENT

4.2.1 The further modelling resulting from the development of Option 1 (b) and Option 4 delivered two potential solutions which require low and high levels of intervention.

4.2.2 These options were presented to the steering group, using video clips from the Paramics models for acceptance and agreement that the options should be progressed for option analysis.

4.2.3 Option 1 (b) will be tested in conjunction with Option 2 in an attempt to improve pedestrian facilities around the roundabout whilst improving the operation of the roundabout for vehicular traffic.

4.2.4 Although Option 4 appears to deliver benefits to general traffic and public transport in the modelled situation, a fixed time solution does not account for daily

variance in demand and traffic arrival patterns and may create delay that could be avoided by a more responsive control strategy.

4.2.5 WSP advised the steering group that it would be beneficial to develop a MOVA solution to allow more responsive control of Mushroom Roundabout and to compare the outputs of the model with fixed time operation.

4.3 FURTHER MODELLING

Option 2 + Option 1 (b) – Toucan Crossing plus Bus Lane Extension

4.3.1 The combination of Option 2 and Option 1 (b) delivers similar traffic benefits as the schemes individually. However, the increased provision of crossing facilities on Fitzwilliam Road and Herringthorpe Valley Road provides a significant benefit to pedestrians and cyclists.

4.3.2 The queue of vehicles on Fitzwilliam Road is managed such that it does not extend back past the start of the bus lane, although traffic is held at the stopline for the Toucan Crossing which allows buses to gain priority over traffic on the approach to the roundabout.

4.3.3 Queues build up on both Herringthorpe Valley Road and Doncaster Road but they clear within two cycles.

4.3.4 This option does not address the issue of excessive queuing on Aldwarke Lane although it does not exacerbate the existing queuing.

Option 4 – Full Signalisation with MOVA Control

4.3.5 Following presentation at a steering group meeting of the fixed time solution for full signalisation it was agreed that WSP would develop an additional MOVA control option to establish the benefits that could be derived.

4.3.6 Development of the MOVA control option focused on the evening peak period due to its current poor performance in the existing base model. For the purpose of the model the same MOVA datasets are used in the morning peak, which is sufficient to avoid any significant queuing or delays. Additional benefits may be derived for the morning peak period though detailed design.

4.3.7 The MOVA strategy was developed based on a two stage operation, which appeared every cycle, with the north – south movement being in Stage 1 and the east – west movement in Stage 2. Phase delays are used to ensure progression through the internal links on normal operation. This minimises the detection requirements on the short internal links and suits the overall geometry and traffic demands at the junction.

4.3.8 A third stage was created to allow bus priority on the Fitzwilliam Road approach. This stage will only operate when MOVA is in Stage 2 and a bus demands the stage change.

4.3.9 To ensure the roundabout could operate effectively a stage which runs all the circulatory links was set up to run as Stage 4, if called by queue detectors on the internal links. This is effectively a clear out stage which operates when there have been a high number of right turns through Stages 1 and 2 to ensure the internal links on the roundabout do not become congested.

4.3.10 Operating under MOVA control Mushroom Roundabout delivers a responsive solution capable of managing the level of queuing and consequently the overall delay on

all approaches. The current model has all pedestrian crossings appearing every cycle and further benefits could be obtained if crossings only appeared when demanded.

4.3.11 Aldwarke Lane sees significant benefits under MOVA control with a large reduction in queue length. This is due to the ability of MOVA to respond to a changing situation and allow appropriate levels of green time to be allocated to alleviate the delay experienced.

4.3.12 As MOVA responds to changing demands, this is achieved without disadvantaging other approaches. This contrasts with the fixed time solution which fails to clear the existing queues on Aldwarke Lane as priority is permanently given to the A630.

4.4 FINAL OPTIONS FOR ANALYSIS

4.4.1 Through the option development process and via stakeholder consultation it was agreed that the following options would be progressed forward for option analysis:

- Option 1 (a) Traffic Metering;
- Option 2 + Option 1 (b) Toucan Crossing plus Bus Lane Extension;
- Option 4 Full Signalisation with Fixed Time Operation; and
- Option 4 Full Signalisation with MOVA control.

5 Final Option Analysis

5.1 INTRODUCTION

5.1.1 The four schemes progressed for option analysis vary in the level of intervention required to deliver them. It was therefore important to establish the advantages and disadvantages from each of the schemes so to advise on the most appropriate solution to carry forward.

5.1.2 The schemes have been analysed in three ways:

- Queue Length;
- Journey Time; and
- Journey Time Reliability.

5.1.3 In addition to the numeric analysis, account is taken of the un-quantified benefits to pedestrians and cyclists from the provision of new and improved crossing facilities.

5.1.4 A final comparison of the four schemes based on the monetised benefits to be derived was carried out to establish the value for money of each scheme.

5.2 QUEUE LENGTH ANALYSIS

5.2.1 Queue length analysis was carried out for each of the four schemes and then compared to the base situation on each of the four approaches to Mushroom Roundabout in both the morning and evening peak periods.

5.2.2 The following text describes the level of queuing experienced in the option models. Graphs indicating the maximum queue length in five minute intervals through the peak periods can be found as Appendix D.

Morning Peak Period

5.2.3 All of the schemes maintain the level of queued vehicles on Fitzwilliam Road between 40 and 60 metres which is consistent with the existing situation on this approach.

5.2.4 Due to the way in which queue lengths are reported by the model, being measured from the roundabout entry and not from any stopline on the approach, it appears that fixed time operation leads to zero queues. Observation of the simulation shows that the queues are of a similar length in these periods to other within the model.

5.2.5 The two schemes which include full signalisation of Mushroom Roundabout see slightly increased levels of queuing on Aldwarke Lane over both the existing base and partial signalisation schemes. This is due to the addition of signal control creating slight delay where currently the approach is uncontrolled. The partial signal control schemes operate at a similar level to the existing base situation.

5.2.6 The Doncaster Road approach follows a similar pattern to Aldwarke Lane with the full signalisation schemes seeing a minor increase in queue length over the existing base and partial signalisation schemes. The partial signal control schemes operate at a similar level to the existing base situation.

5.2.7 All of the schemes deliver similar levels of queuing on the Herringthorpe Valley Road approach with the queue length fluctuating between 40 and 80 meters.

Evening Peak Period

5.2.8 The base model replicates a clear peak in delay on the Fitzwilliam Road approach. This is caused by the difficultly vehicles have entering the roundabout due to insufficient gaps in traffic on the circulatory carriageway.

5.2.9 Option 1 (b) + 2 delivers the largest reduction in maximum queue length, approximately 150 metres, with a flattening out of the queue profile over the peak period.

5.2.10 Fixed time operation and MOVA control reduce the current level of queuing by approximately 100 metres. MOVA control has the additional benefit over fixed time operation that it can react to variance in traffic demand and arrival patterns, and thus further reduces delay, although queue lengths are not necessarily reduced.

5.2.11 Option 1 (a) improves the situation slightly by reducing the queue by approximately 50 metres. However this option does not address the peak in the queue profile over the peak period.

5.2.12 The existing base situation on Aldwarke Lane sees queuing back to the extents of the modelled network. The only scheme to make a significant impact on the queuing experienced on Aldwarke Lane is MOVA control. MOVA understands there is a queuing issue developing on this approach and takes proactive action before it becomes excessive utilising its ability to vary the length of green time given to each stage.

5.2.13 The three other schemes follow the same queuing pattern on Aldwarke Lane as the existing base situation due to their inability to respond to the queuing issue as it develops.

5.2.14 The full signalisation schemes see a slight increase in queue length on the Doncaster Road approach over the existing base situation and the partial signalisation schemes, as small queues are created on this approach to allow capacity to be given to other approaches enabling larger queues to be reduced.

5.2.15 All of the schemes have similar levels of queuing on Herringthorpe Valley Road compared to the existing base situation with the two full signalisation schemes seeing a slight increase over the partial signalisation options.

5.2.16 A balance between all four approaches would be gained through detailed design to ensure one approach does not suffer significantly to the benefit of another.

5.3 JOURNEY TIME ANALYSIS

5.3.1 Journey time analysis was carried out for each of the four schemes and compared to the base situation on the four approaches to Mushroom Roundabout in both the morning and evening peak periods.

5.3.2 The graphs presented below indicated the average journey time in five minute intervals through the peak periods. Within each peak period, each graph uses the same scale so that it is easier to make fair comparisons between changes in journey time on different routes.

5.3.3 Graphs comparing the journey times across the peak hour and peak period can be found as Appendix E to this report.

Morning Peak Period

5.3.4 Fixed time traffic signal control sees an increase in journey time for non-public transport (Non-PT) vehicles on Fitzwilliam Road over the existing base situation and the three other schemes, with the longest journey time taking three minutes to negotiate the junction.

5.3.5 The other schemes deliver a similar journey time to the existing base situation at around one minute 40 seconds.

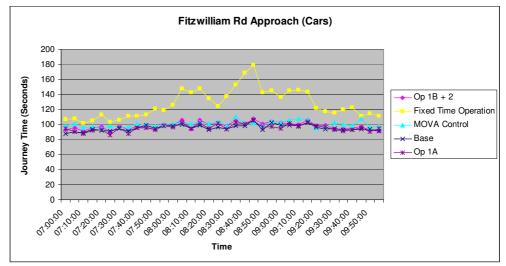


Figure 5.1 – Morning Peak Fitzwilliam Road average journey time (Non PT) by option

5.3.6 For buses on Fitzwilliam Road all schemes other than Option 1 (a) see a slight reduction in journey time of approximately 30 seconds. This is due to the reduction in queue length on Fitzwilliam Road allowing quicker access to the bus lane.

5.3.7 Option 1 (a) has little impact on the journey time for buses over the existing base situation.

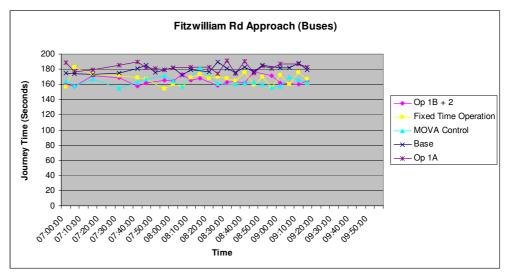


Figure 5.2 – Morning Peak Fitzwilliam Road average journey time (PT) by option

5.3.8 The full signalisation schemes see approximately a 10 - 20 second increase in journey time on Aldwarke Lane over the existing base situation and the partial signalisation schemes. This increase can be attributed to the change in method of control.

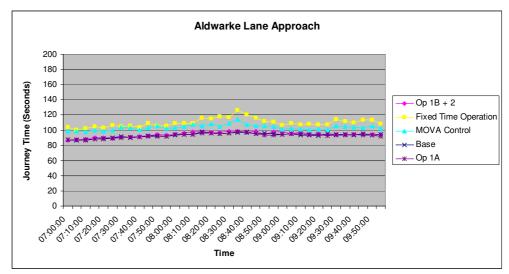


Figure 5.3 – Morning Peak Aldwarke Lane average journey time by option

5.3.9 All of the schemes have a similar journey time of around one minute 20 seconds on the Doncaster Road approach when compared to the existing base situation.

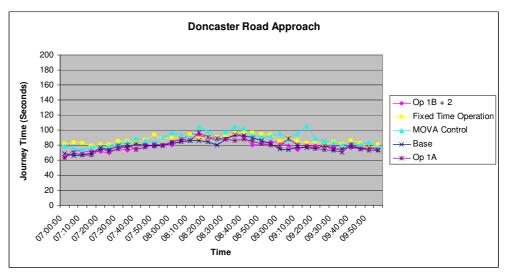


Figure 5.4 – Morning Peak Doncaster Road average journey time by option

5.3.10 Herringthorpe Valley Road sees an increase in delay in all schemes proposed by approximately 10 seconds with Option 1 (a) seeing the largest increase over the existing base situation at approximately 20 seconds increase in delay.

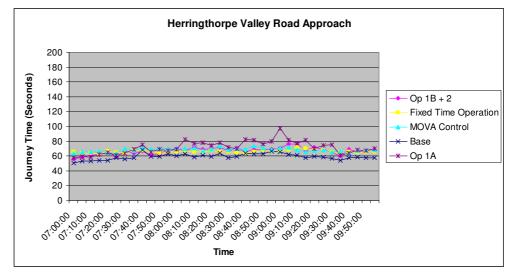


Figure 5.5 – Morning Peak Herringthorpe Valley Road average journey time by option

Evening Peak Period

5.3.11 The existing base situation sees a clear peak in journey time for Non PT vehicles on the Fitzwilliam Road approach from 16:40 to 18:10. This increase is due to the difficulty for vehicles to enter the roundabout.

5.3.12 Option 1 (a) improves the situation for Non PT vehicles slightly by metering traffic on Herringthorpe Valley Road, delivering approximately two minutes and 30 seconds reduction in journey time.

5.3.13 The three other options see a much flatter journey time profile throughout the peak period with approximately five minutes reduction for the worst journey time. This equates to a journey time of approximately three minutes and 20 seconds.

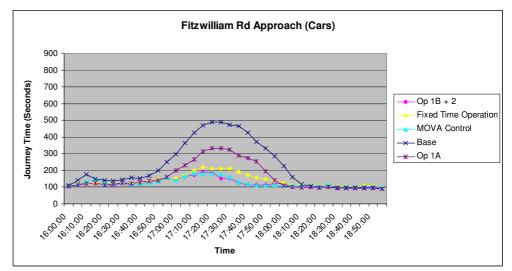


Figure 5.6 – Evening Peak Fitzwilliam Road average journey time (Non PT) by option

5.3.14 As for Non PT vehicles on the Fitzwilliam Road, buses also see a clear peak in journey time in the existing base situation. Although there is significant provision of bus lane currently in place on Fitzwilliam Road buses experience delay accessing the bus lane due to queuing traffic blocking the entry point as a result of vehicles being unable to gain access on to Mushroom Roundabout due to insufficient gaps in circulatory traffic.

5.3.15 All of the schemes remove the peak in journey time for buses by reducing the level of queuing on Fitzwilliam Road to a length which has minimal impact on the operation of the bus lane.

5.3.16 MOVA control, fixed time operation and Option 1 (b) + 2 deliver the most significant benefits by reducing the journey time below three minutes and 20 seconds.

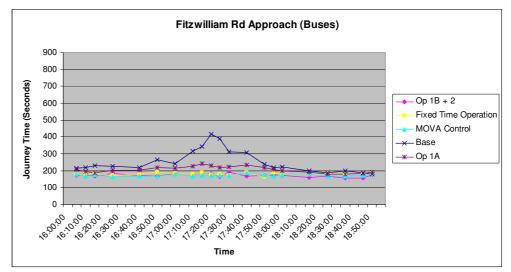


Figure 5.7 – Evening Peak Fitzwilliam Road average journey time (PT) by option

5.3.17 The existing base situation and all scheme options other than MOVA control see an excessively high journey time on the Aldwarke Lane approach to the roundabout.

5.3.18 Fixed time operation achieves a constant journey time throughout the peak period which is higher than the existing base journey time.

5.3.19 Option 1 (b) + 2 sees a reduction in journey time about 30 minutes earlier in the peak period than the base situation.

5.3.20 MOVA control of the roundabout manages the delay before it becomes excessive and sees a significant reduction in journey time over the existing base situation and the three other schemes.

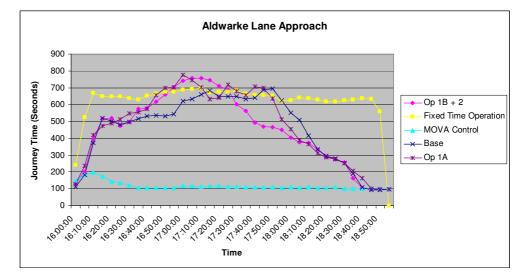


Figure 5.8 – Evening Peak Aldwarke Lane average journey time by option

5.3.21 All of the proposed schemes deliver a very similar journey time on the Doncaster Road approach with no major increases or decreases in journey time over the existing base situation.

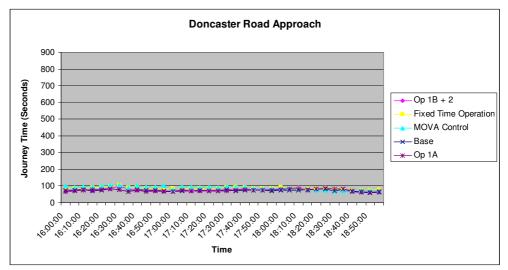


Figure 5.9 – Evening Peak Doncaster Road average journey time by option

5.3.22 Herringthorpe Valley Road currently experiences a fairly constant journey time throughout the peak period. None of the proposed schemes deliver significant changes in journey time over the existing situation.

5.3.23 Option 1 (a) sees a slight increase in journey time of approximately 40 seconds over the existing situation.

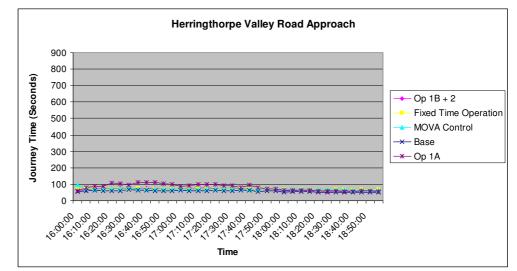


Figure 5.10 – Evening Peak Herringthorpe Valley Road average journey time by option

5.3.24 In summary, considering all routes, full signalisation of the roundabout with MOVA control provides the greatest overall journey time benefit.

5.4 JOURNEY TIME RELIABILITY

5.4.1 Journey time reliability has been assessed on the X78 northbound service for all option models. The X78 is considered representative of the bus services on the corridor.

5.4.2 Bus journey time reliability has been assessed using the journey time for the whole route in the modelled network rather than segmenting the route to assess bus journey times specifically through Mushroom Roundabout.

5.4.3 This method allows a view to be taken on the impact of the intervention at Mushroom roundabout, and the journey time through the junction, and also how the rest of the network impacts on the journey time. Thus, indicating that not all reliability issues for buses are caused at the roundabout.

5.4.4 Option 4 with MOVA control delivers the most significant journey time benefits on the approaches and through the roundabout and is therefore presented below. Figures indicating the journey time reliability for all the option can be found as Appendix F of this report. 5.4.5 Figure 5.11 below indicates the existing journey time variability in the evening peak period for the X78 service on the A630 corridor, compared to full signalisation with MOVA control.

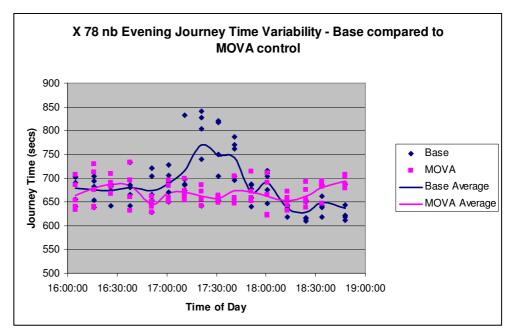


Figure 5.11 – X78 northbound service reliability impact

5.4.6 The graph indicates that under MOVA control Mushroom Roundabout contributes to a significant reduction in journey time variability particularly between 17:00 and 18:00 hrs where there is currently higher journey times with greater variability.

5.4.7 MOVA control sees the profile of bus journey times flattened considerably compared to the existing situation. This is a benefit to bus operators as it allows them to have more confidence in the service timetable; consequently it becomes a more attractive option for potential bus users.

5.5 MONETISED BENEFITS OF SCHEMES

5.5.1 Following Webtag Unit 3.5.6 Values of Time and Operating Costs, a resource value of time figure of £4.29 for all vehicle occupants was used to undertake a simple value for money exercise on the four proposed schemes.

5.5.2 Taking the total vehicle hours from the modelled outputs and converting them to person hours, using the figures presented in Table 5.1 below, the monetised benefits of each scheme compared to the existing situation have been derived.

Table 5.1 – Vehicle occupancy per trip

Trip	Weekday Average Occupancy		
Work Car	1.21		
PSV	12.20		

- 5.5.3 The results of the value for money exercise have been presented in two ways:
- Whole network impact indicated by benefits to all vehicles on all trips made within each modelled time period; and
- Whole network impact indicated by benefits to public transport (PT) and non-public transport (Non-PT) vehicles within the peak hour within each modelled time period.

Whole Network Impact within Peak Periods

5.5.4 The figures in Table 5.2 below indicate that over the first year Option 4 with MOVA control would deliver £568,307 of benefits over the existing situation.

Scheme	АМ	РМ	Total
Op 1 (a)	£ 5,297.82	- £ 89,760.59	- £ 84,462.77
Op 2 + 1 (b)	- £ 66,938.02	£ 31,087.56	- £ 35,850.46
Option 4 – Fixed Time	- £ 131,769.74	- £ 482,110.78	- £ 613,880.53
Option 4 - MOVA	- £ 110,213.37	£ 678,521.07	£ 568,307.70

Table 5.2 – Whole network benefits for peak periods (annualised)

5.5.5 Of the four schemes analysed Option 4 with MOVA control is the only scheme to deliver a positive monetary benefit to the whole network.

5.5.6 The morning peak period is currently indicating a dis-benefit under MOVA control, although smaller than predicted with fixed time control. This can be attributed to a number of factors:

The existing uncontrolled base situation sees minimal delay in the morning peak; and

The MOVA model incorporates Toucan Crossings called every cycle, which would not realistically be the case; and

The MOVA design has currently been developed to specifically suit the evening peak.

5.5.7 Whilst fixed time signal control of the roundabout addresses the delay to buses in the key route, it incurs unnecessary delay to other vehicles.

5.5.8 The net benefit of MOVA control over fixed time operation exceeds £1million annually.

Whole Network Impact within Peak Hours

5.5.9 Table 5.3 indicates that all the schemes deliver benefits to Non–PT vehicles in the evening peak hour. With Option 1 (a) and Option 4 with MOVA control also delivering benefits to Public Transport (PT).

Scheme	AM Peak Hour (08:00 – 09:00)		PM Peak Hour (17:00 – 18:00)		Total
	Non – PT	PT	Non – PT	РТ	Total
Op 1 (a)	- £ 1237.49	£ 172.14	£ 2,424.06	£ 114.02	£ 2,472.73
Op 2 + 1 (b)	- £ 11,955.82	- £ 989.44	£ 4,251.80	- £ 1,154.22	- £ 9,847.68
Option 4 – Fixed Time	- £ 26,285.43	- £ 3,419.99	£ 5,643.24	- £ 390.62	- £ 24,452.81
Option 4 – MOVA	- £ 24,596.31	- £ 1,190.46	£ 240,330.78	£ 592.93	£ 214,416.93

Table 5.3 – Whole network benefits for peak hour (annualised)

5.5.10 The morning peak hour sees disadvantages for Non–PT vehicles in all the proposed schemes. This arises from the increase in level of control over the existing situation. All of the schemes introduce some new signal control on at least one approach to Mushroom Roundabout.

5.5.11 Mushroom Roundabout currently operates reasonably well in the morning peak period with out any major points of delay. The evening peak currently sees high levels of delay on at least two approaches which impacts on all vehicle users.

5.5.12 To alleviate the evening peak delay some form of signal control is required, hence the increase in delay experienced in the morning peak period.

5.5.13 Option 1 (a) offers the opportunity to operate metering traffic signals on a part time basis (i.e. evening peak period only), but it does not deliver the increase safety and pedestrian provision of the three other options. Traffic signals must operate at all times where controlled pedestrian facilities are provided.

5.6 OPTION ANALYSIS SUMMARY

5.6.1 Based on queue length reduction, journey time savings and journey time reliability Option 4 with MOVA control has been identified as the preferred solution, providing the greatest overall benefits, when buses, general traffic, pedestrians and cyclists are considered across both peak periods.

5.6.2 To support this, the monetised benefits indicate only full signalisation with MOVA control, of the options tested, would deliver positive benefits in terms of value for money across the peak periods.

6 Sensitivity Testing

6.1 OPTION 4 – MOVA CONTROL

6.1.1 Due to the significant benefits derived from MOVA control for Aldwarke Lane, specifically in the evening peak, a sensitivity test was carried out to establish if Mushroom roundabout could cope with an increased level of demand on Aldwarke Lane.

6.1.2 There are concerns over the potential for suppressed demand on the Aldwarke Lane approach to Mushroom roundabout due to the existing high levels of delay. An increase in the level of demand for the left turn from Aldwarke Lane to Doncaster Road could potentially cause operational issues due to the interaction of traffic with the pedestrian crossing on the Doncaster Road exit.

6.1.3 The following sensitivity tests were carried out on the evening peak period in the Paramics model:

- Increased left turn demand by 150 vehicles (5%) in the peak;
- Increased left turn demand by 300 vehicles (11%) in the peak; and
- Increased left turn demand by 450 vehicles (16%) in the peak.
- 6.1.4 The following text describes the findings of each of the sensitivity tests.

6.2 SENSITIVITY TESTING CONCLUSIONS

6.2.1 Under all scenarios tested MOVA manages to control the roundabout in such a way that the internal links do not suffer. However, dependant on the level of increase in demand the impact on the approaches varies.

6.2.2 With 150 vehicles added there is minimal change over the initial demand modelled. With 300 vehicles added in the peak period Fitzwilliam Road does see a slight increase in the level of queuing. However this does not extend to the bus lane entrance. Therefore it will not impact on bus journey time or reliability.

6.2.3 With 450 vehicles added to the demand on Aldwarke Lane the queue on Fitzwilliam Road extends past the bus lane entrance. This has an impact on bus journey time and reliability by limiting access in to the bus lane. There are also occasional issues of blocking back on the roundabout internals due to the two pedestrian crossings on the Doncaster Road exit. These issues are infrequent and MOVA controls the flow of vehicles on to the roundabout to allow the internal links to clear.

6.2.4 To combat the queuing issue experienced on Fitzwilliam Road the setup of MOVA could be altered so to give additional priority to the A630 corridor movements over Aldwarke Lane, although this is unlikely to be necessary as increases in demand of this scale are not expected.

7 Recommendations and Way Forward

7.1 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1.1 Following option analysis and via consultation with SYPTE, RMBC and First Group, WSP recommend that Option 4 – Full Signalisation with MOVA control is taken forward as the preferred option for improvements at Mushroom Roundabout.

7.1.2 Although the preferred scheme requires the highest level capital investment of all the options considered, it delivers journey time improvements and reliability improvements for all vehicles, whilst also providing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists on all arms of the junction.

7.1.3 The marginal additional expenditure required to provide MOVA control over fixed time operation, for the full signalisation scheme, delivers significant benefits by providing a method of control capable of substantially reducing queuing and delay overall.

7.1.4 Options 1 (a) and 1 (b) + 2, the metering options, requiring a lower level of expenditure but show dis-benefits that are significant compared with the expected benefit. They also raise safety concerns on a number of levels, thus rendering the options unsuitable.

7.2 WAY FORWARD

7.2.1 A prioritisation appraisal tool should be utilised to consider the findings of this report and other identified corridor wide interventions. This will ensure that any investment in either a single scheme or combination of schemes is targeted at achieving maximum benefit and therefore overall value for money.

7.2.2 Should the above identify signalisation of mushroom to be the preferred scheme funding should be sought by SYPTE and RMBC to progress the scheme, taking account of cost estimates being prepared by RMBC.

7.2.3 The scheme should be progressed through detailed design, taking account of the conceptual design of both the physical and operational aspects, and the findings of the modelling carried out to date by WSP,

7.2.4 Consideration should be given to the wider corridor and potential interventions to further improve the situation for all vehicles and journey time reliability for buses, with particular attention paid to St Ann's Roundabout and Oldgate Lane.

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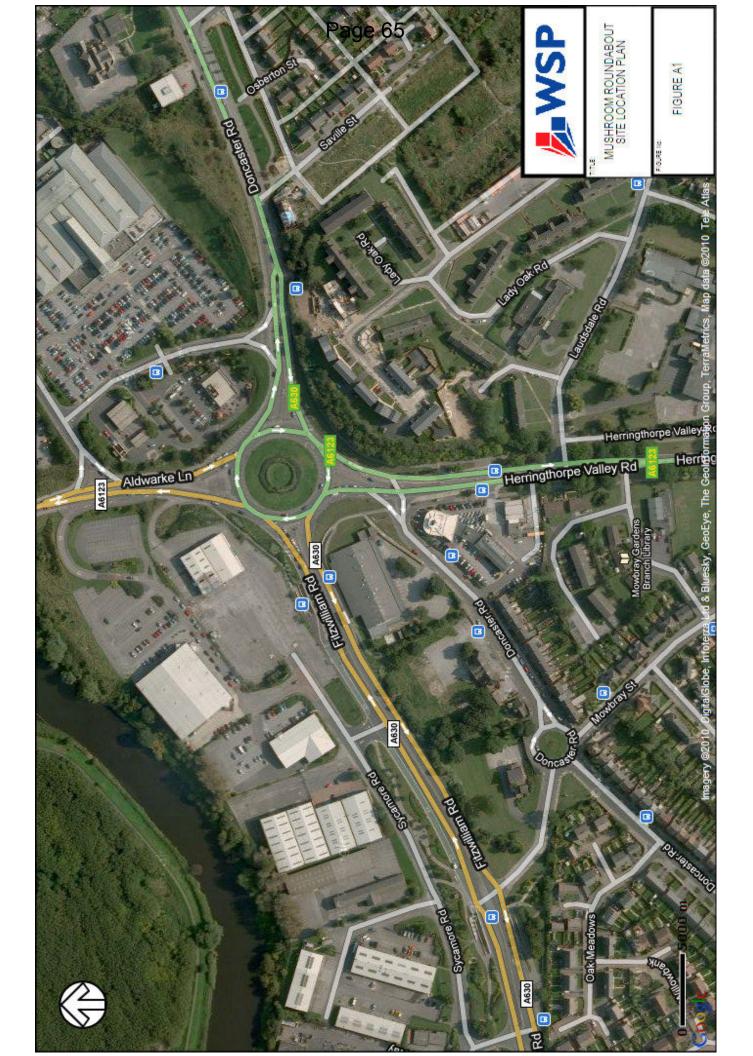
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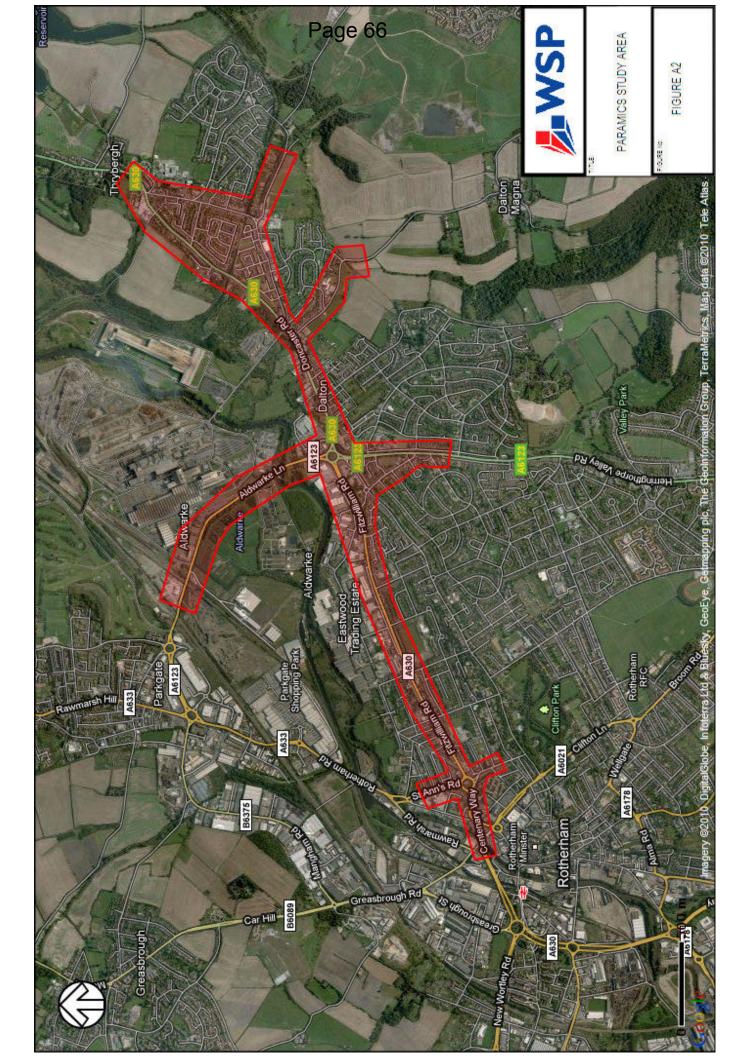
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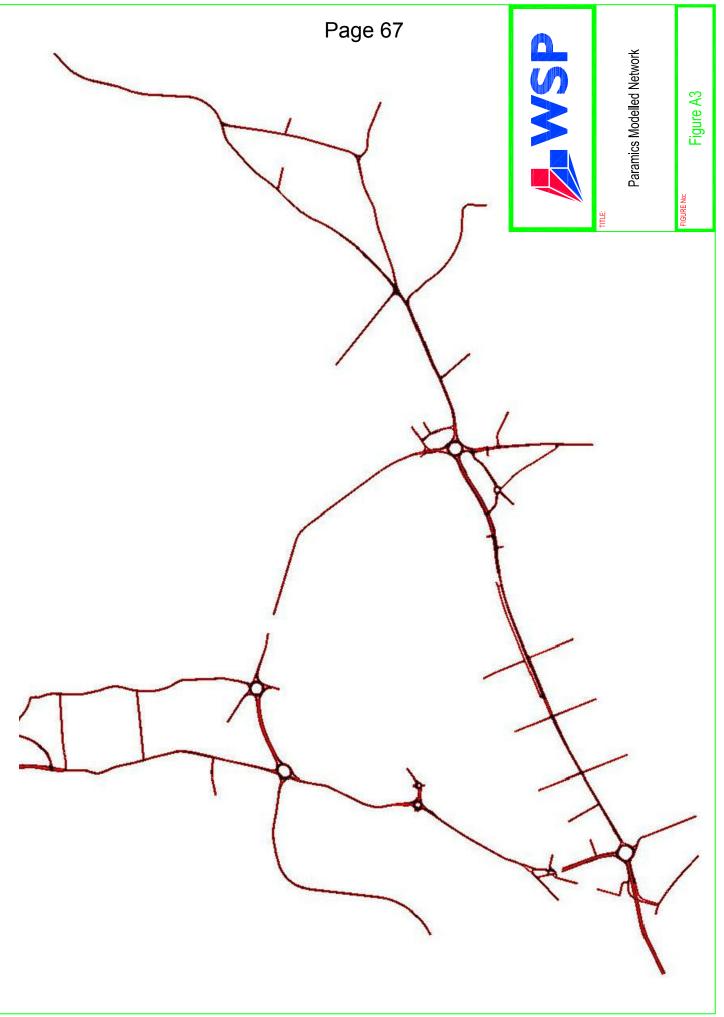
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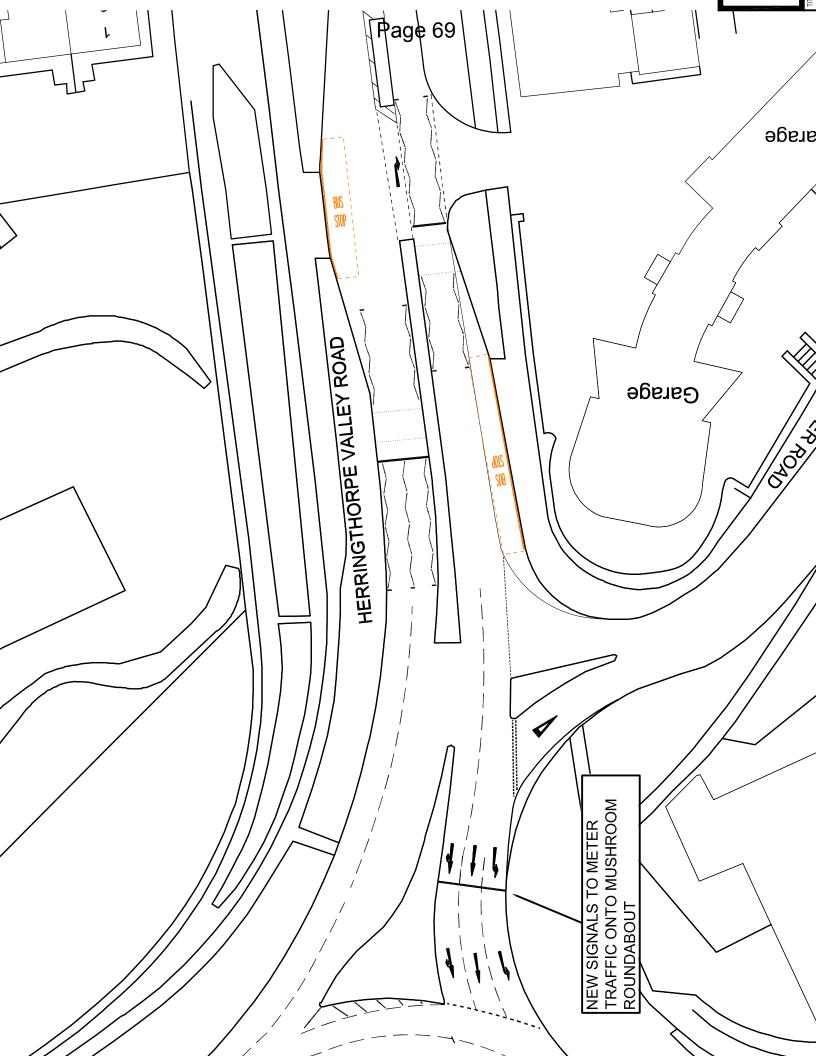
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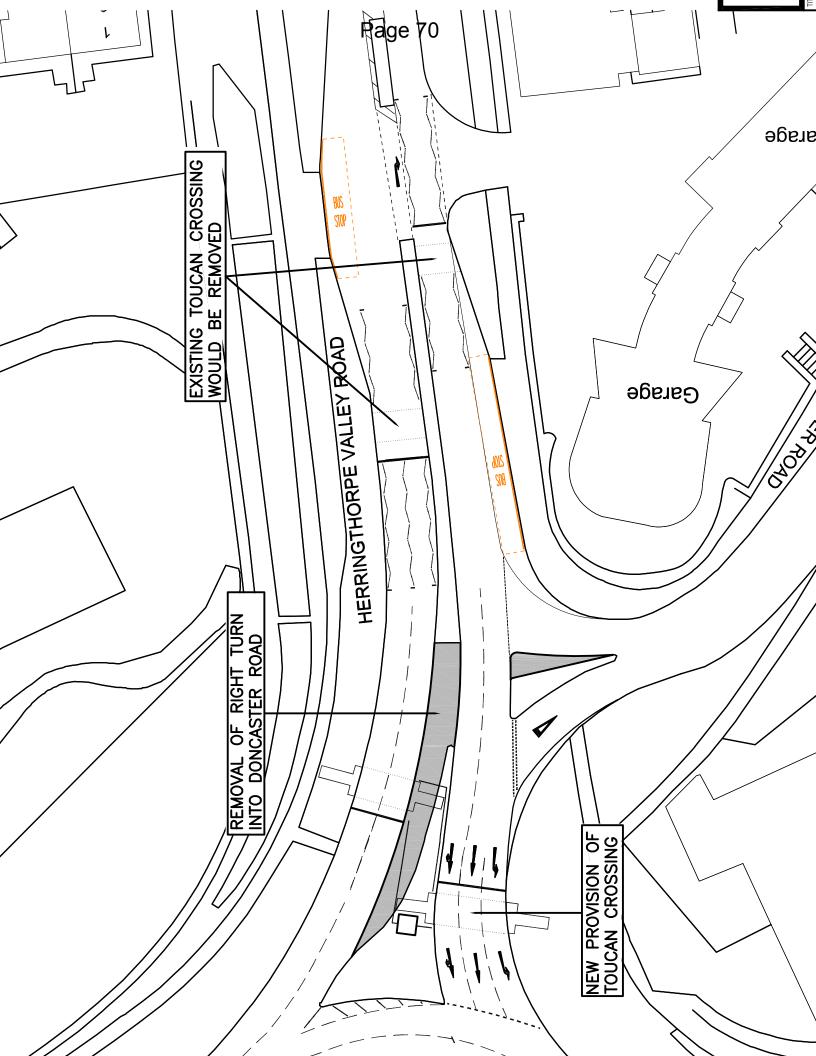


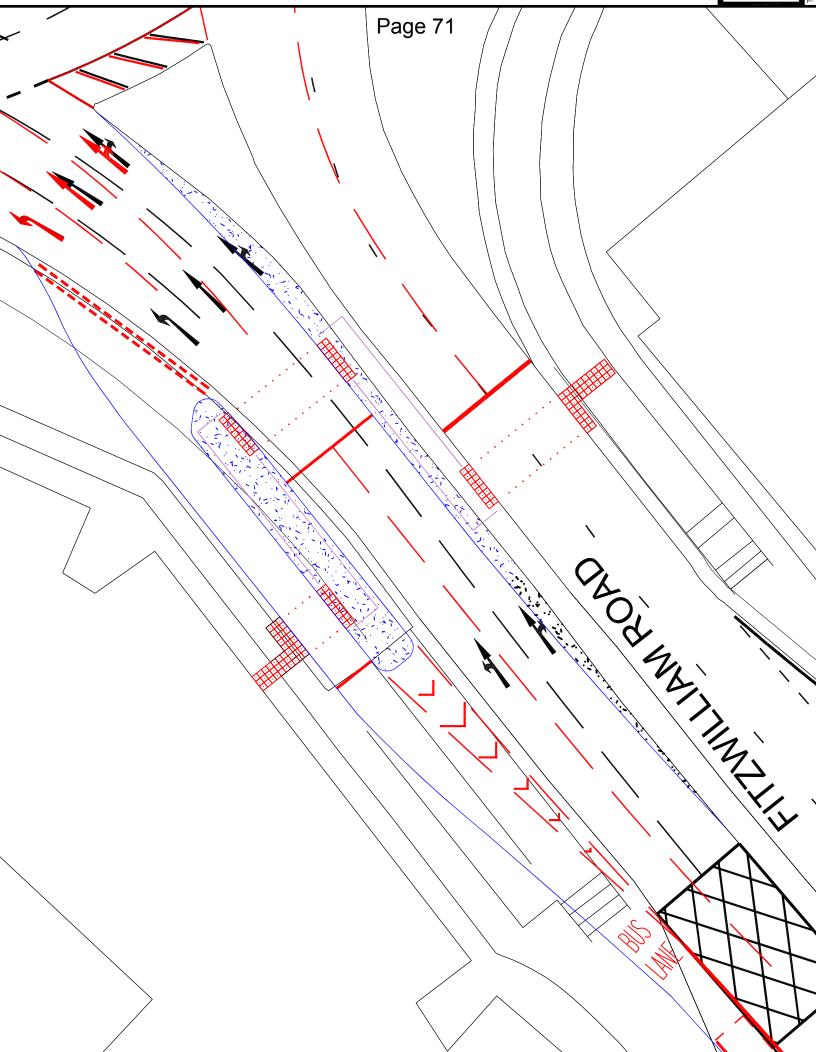


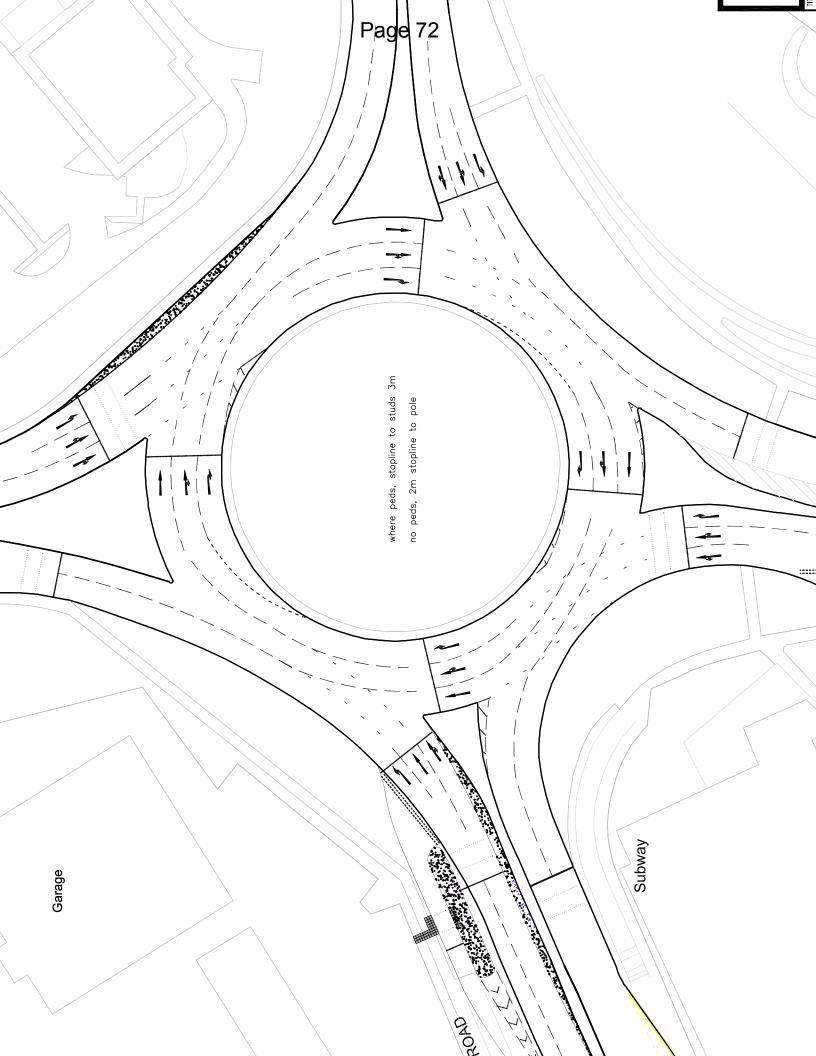


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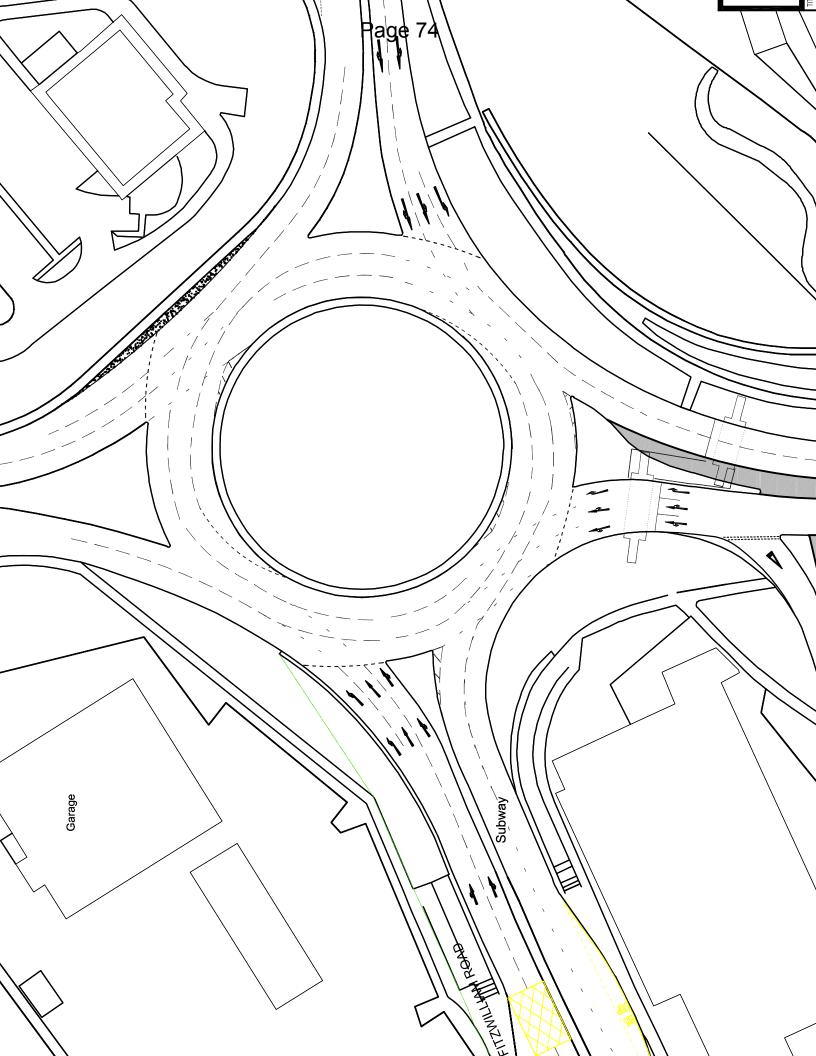


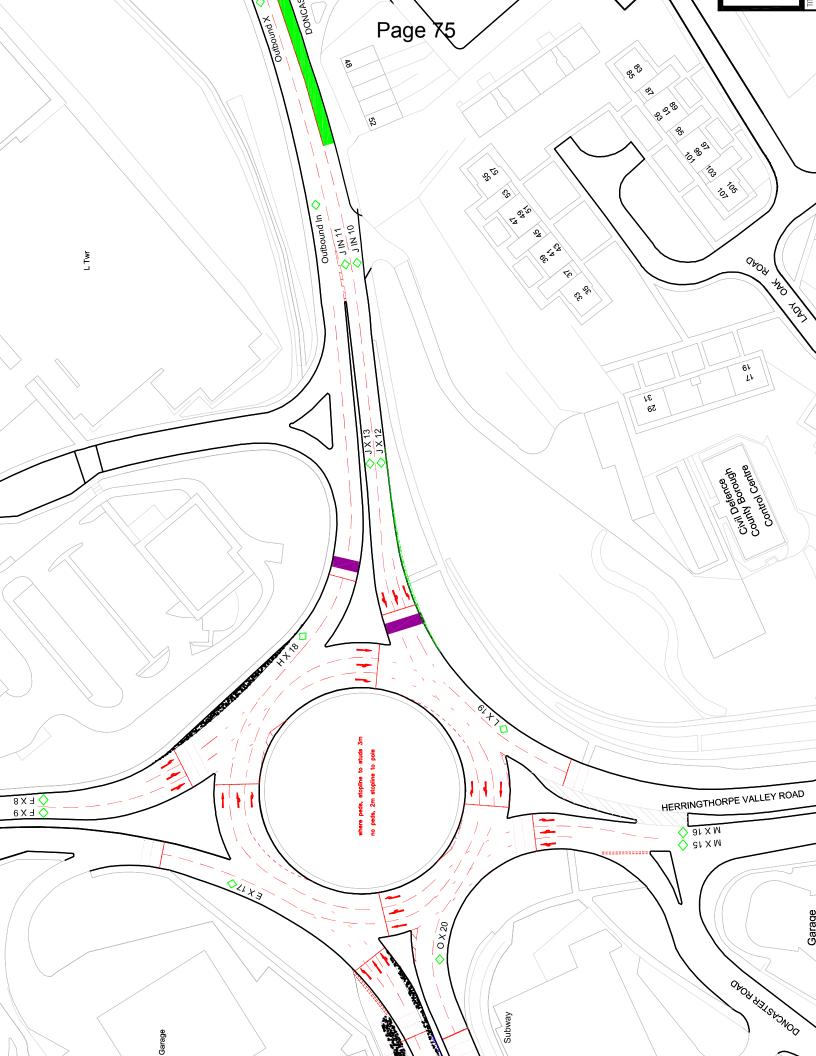






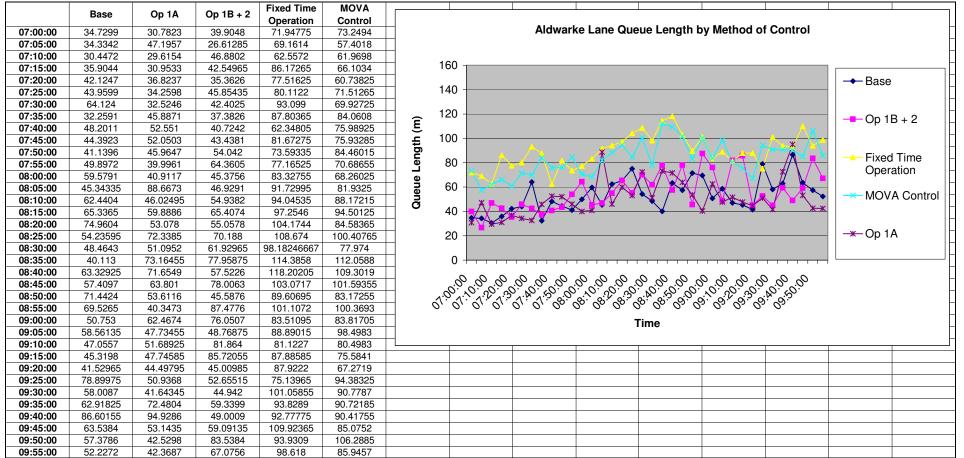
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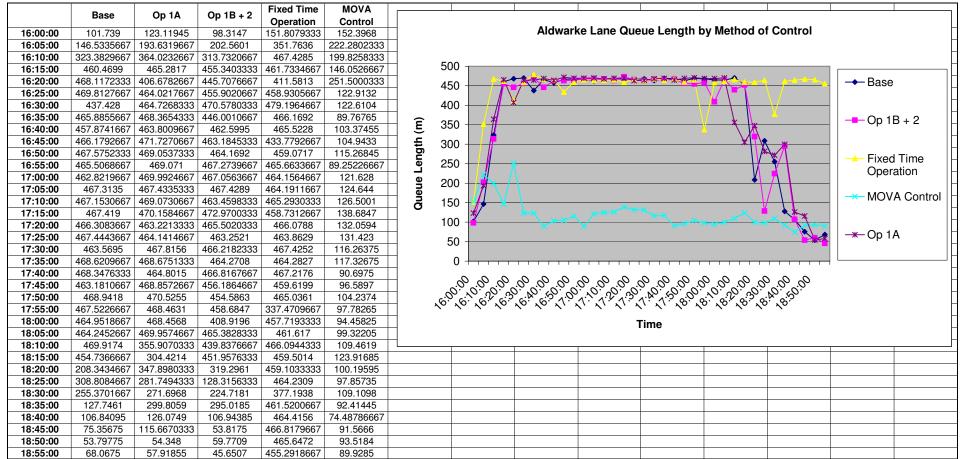


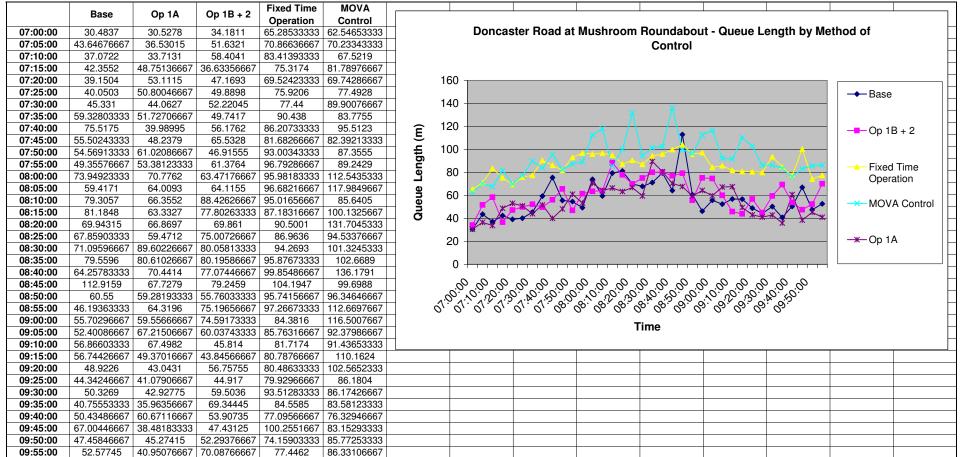


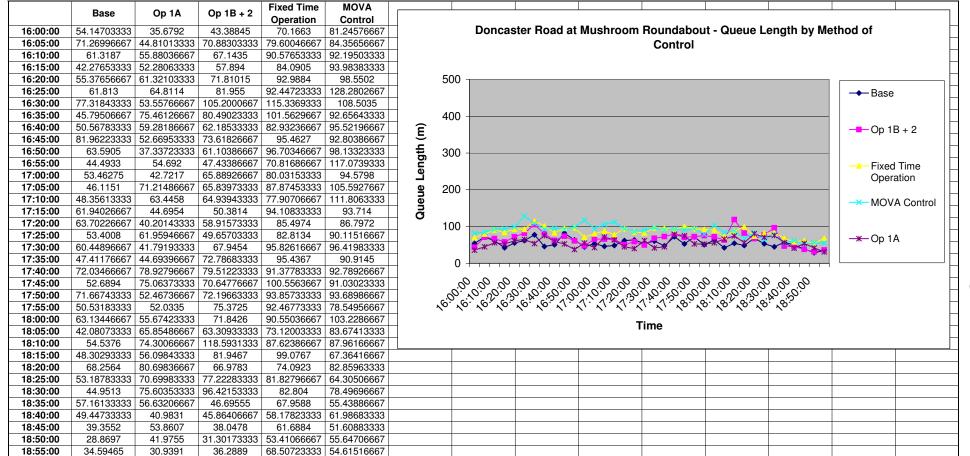
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Appendix D Queue Length Graphs









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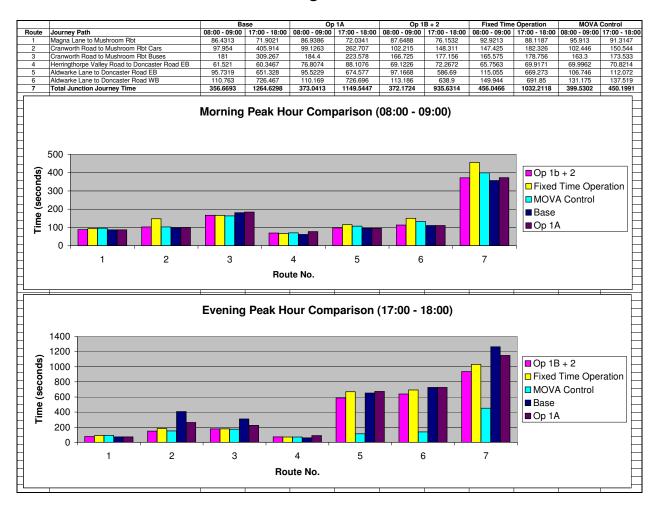
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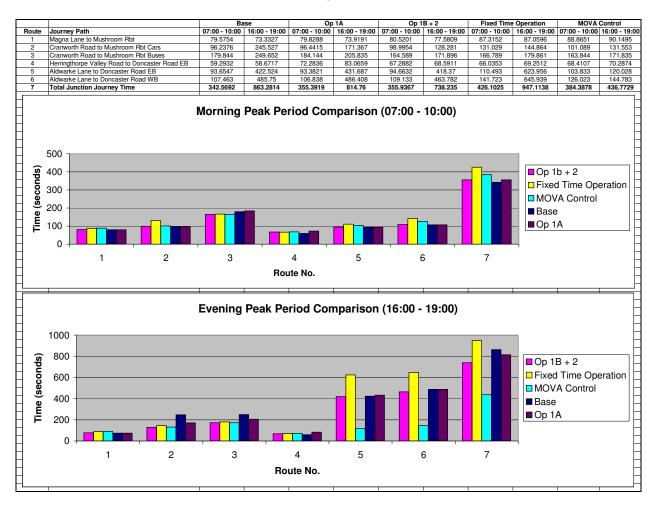
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Appendix E Journey Time Graphs

Journey Time Comparison at Weshroom Roundabout

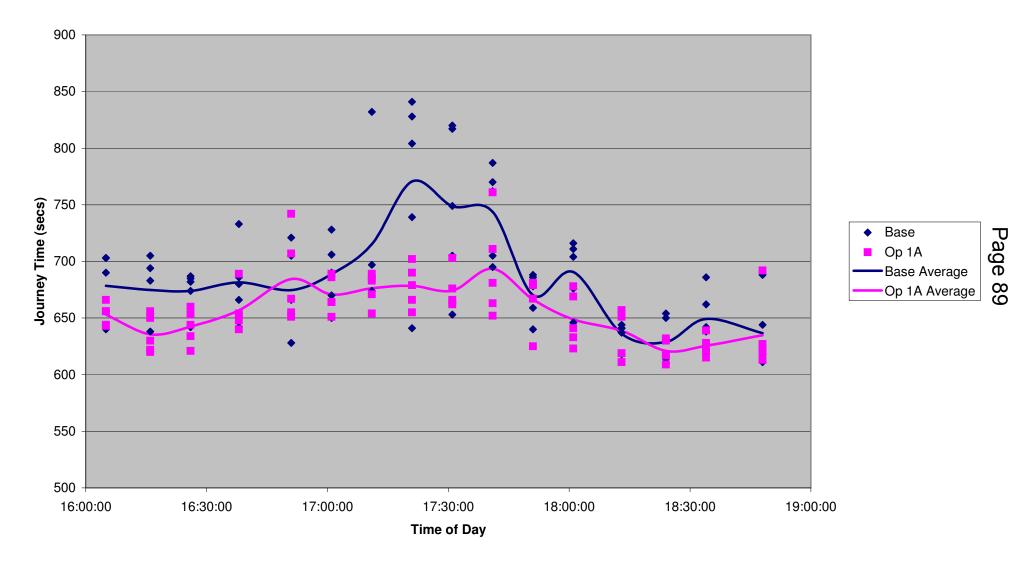


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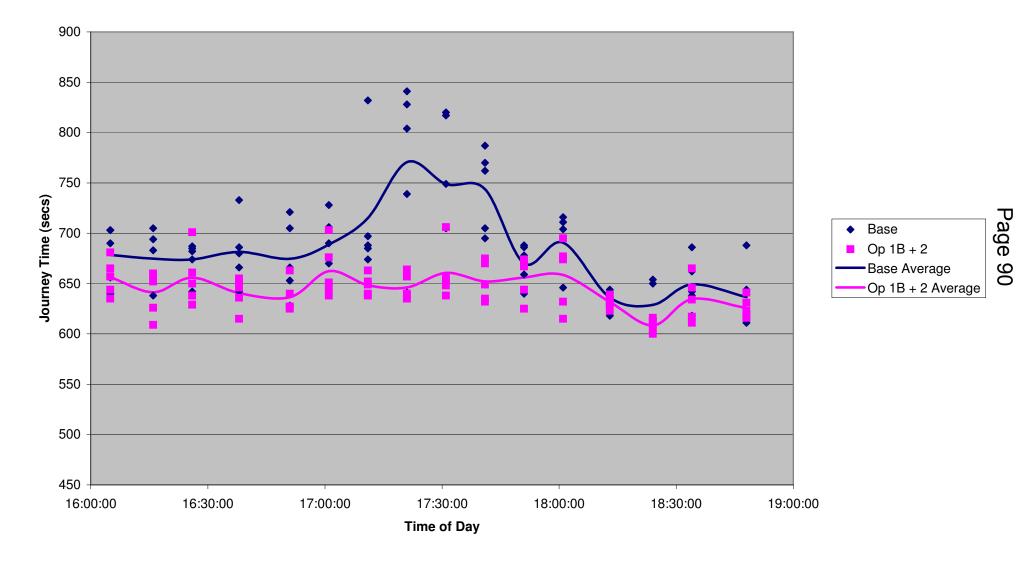


Appendix F Journey Time Reliability Graphs

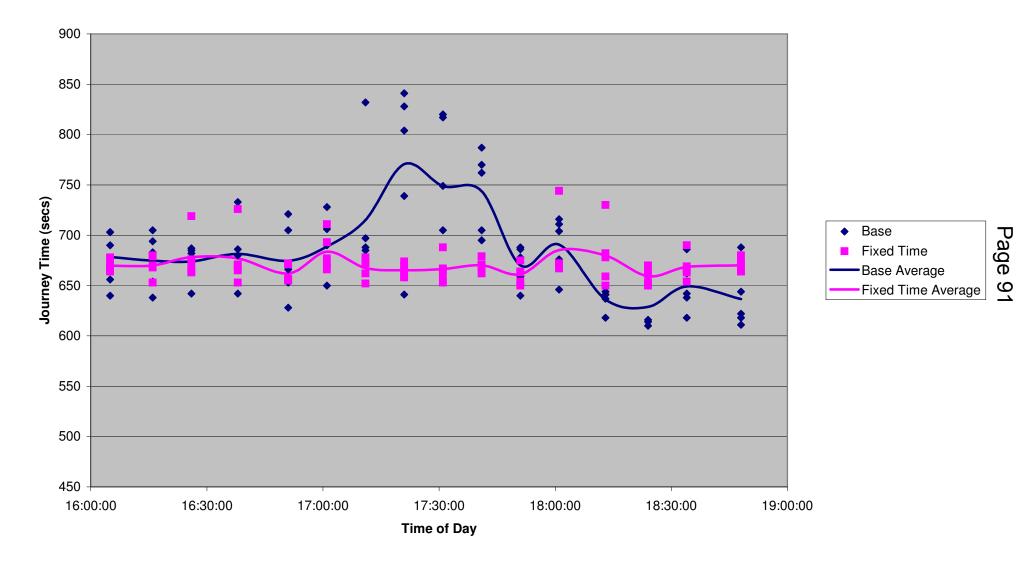
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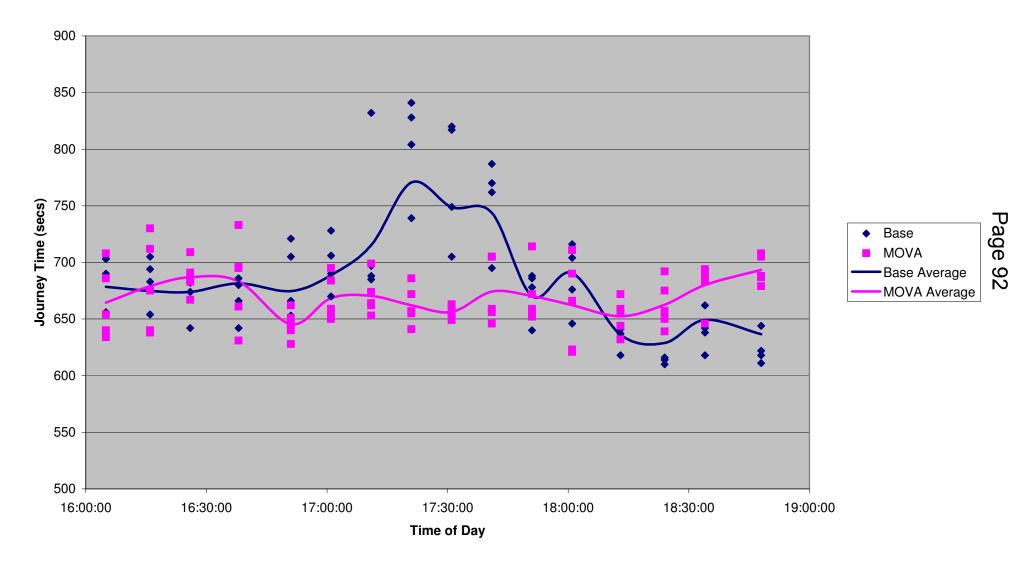
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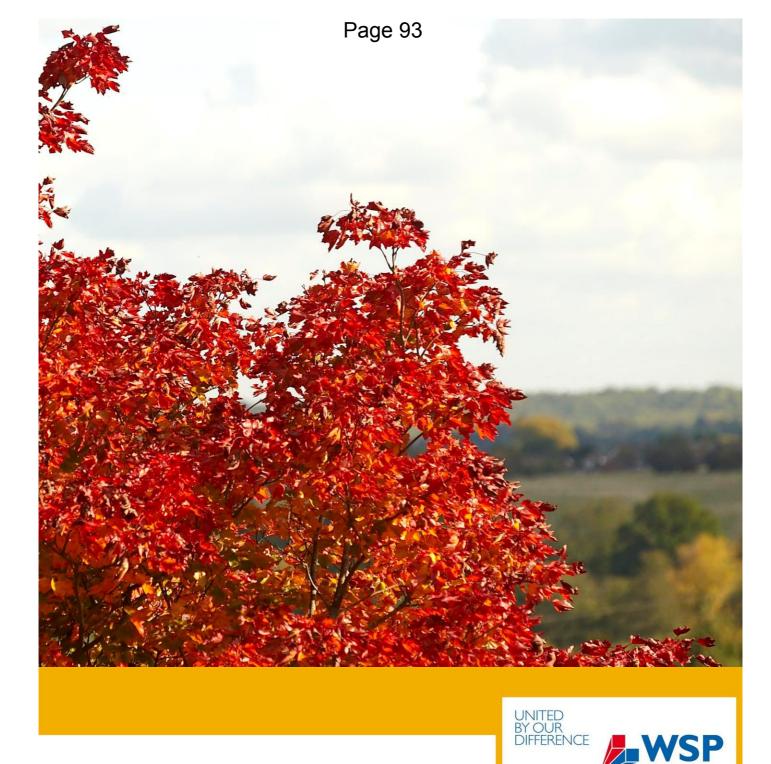


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1 Additional Option Testing

1.1 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 WSP UK Ltd (WSP) has been commissioned by South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTE) to undertake a Study of Mushroom Roundabout on the A630 Key Route in Rotherham. The study report "A630 Thrybergh Key Route – Mushroom Roundabout Improvement Option Analysis" was issued in May 2010.

1.1.2 Following a meeting between WSP, SYPTE and RMBC on Thursday 20th May 2010, at which results of previous option testing were presented and discussed, WSP was commissioned to undertake additional option testing to evaluate the impact of removing the bus lane extension from the Option 4 with MOVA control scheme.

1.1.3 It was identified at the meeting that Option 4 with MOVA control was the preferred option. However, due to the high cost of including the bus lane extension on Fitzwilliam Road requiring the infill of the existing subway, SYPTE and RMBC wished to evaluate a scheme with reduced capital costs whilst keeping the roundabout under MOVA control.

1.1.4 This addendum provides the results of that additional option testing; full details of the overall study are included in the study report. This document details the refinements made to the existing Option 4 (with MOVA control) model along with the changes made to allow testing to be carried out on the model with the bus lane removed.

1.2 OPTION 4 – MOVA REVISED

1.2.1 Improvements to the MOVA operation were identified during the presentation of the model.

1.2.2 The following minor improvements were incorporated in the Option 4 – MOVA revised model:

- Improved coordination between the bus priority on Fitzwilliam Road and the roundabout;
- Improved coordination between the roundabout and the pedestrian crossings on the roundabout exits; and
- Improved operation of Stage 4 to clear out the build up of traffic on the roundabout internals.

1.2.3 Traffic held at the bus priority signals on Fitzwilliam Road was previously held at the roundabout stop line for approximately two seconds. Following the changes, vehicles now leave the bus priority signals and receive a green signal on arrival at the roundabout.

1.2.4 The linking between the pedestrian crossings on the roundabout exits and the roundabout itself was improved to ensure the exit crossings can only come in when the left turn from the previous approach is running in to them.

1.2.5 Phase delays were added to the end of Stage 4 to match those set up for Stage 2. This ensures efficient use of the "flush out / clearance" stage. The introduction of phase delays on the end of Stage 4 reduces the number of times the stage is called, therefore improving the efficiency of the junction as a whole.

1.3 OPTION 4 – MOVA CONTROL WITHOUT BUS LANE EXTENSION

1.3.1 The phase delays added to the end of Stage 4 in the Option 4 - MOVA revised model were also incorporated in to the model with the bus lane removed.

1.3.2 The extended bus lane and incorporated pedestrian crossing facility on Fitzwilliam Road was removed from the model with the bus priority signals relocated to the current on street position.

1.3.3 The existing bus priority signals are located 100 meters to the west of the signalised roundabout and are incorporated in to the MOVA control of the roundabout to ensure delay is minimised on the Fitzwilliam Road approach for all vehicles.

1.3.4 Including the bus priority signals at their existing location required the extension of phase delays to ensure that the platoons released from bus priority signals can clear through the roundabout stop line on the Fitzwilliam Road approach. This reduces the overall flexibility of MOVA operation.

1.3.5 Initial observations resulting from the above changes to the model included:

- Due to the extended effective duration of Stage 2, to allow clearance from the bus priority signals through the roundabout, traffic was held for longer periods of time on Aldwarke Lane and Herringthorpe Valley Road. This resulted in longer queues forming on these approaches.
- The extended queues on the above approaches demand a larger amount of green time to clear the queue. However, due to the small size of the roundabout the internal links could not cope with the increased queues of right turning traffic; and the queues failed to clear from the internal links at the end of each stage.

1.3.6 To ensure the roundabout internals continued to operate efficiently changes to the MOVA setup were made:

- The extension time associated with the queue loop on Doncaster Road eastbound was reduced to stop Stage 1 being held on for too long
- The TOTALG parameter controlling maximum total green time available in each cycle was reduced. This ensures that MOVA constrained stage lengths to appropriate values that minimise the formation of excess queues.

1.3.7 With these changes incorporated, it was considered that the model provided a suitable representation of the MOVA operation of the modified layout for analysis.

1.4 JOURNEY TIME ANALYSIS

1.4.1 The modelled journey times on all approaches for the additional scenario were compared with the journey times for all previously modelled options.

1.4.2 In general, the performance of the revised MOVA model showed marginal improvements compared with the previous MOVA model.

1.4.3 The performance of the MOVA control without bus lane extension can be compared against the option of MOVA control including the bus lane extension.

1.4.4 In comparing these two options, the most significant journey time changes are seen on Aldwarke Lane in the evening peak period. All other approaches see minimal changes due to the removal of the bus lane extension.

1.4.5 Graphs comparing the journey times across the peak hour and peak period can be found as Appendix A to this addendum.

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1.4.6 The morning peak sees increases of approximately 30 seconds in journey time on Aldwarke Lane and Herringthorpe Valley Road.

1.4.7 Figure 7.1 below shows journey times on Aldwarke Lane in the modelled scenarios. The full MOVA scheme including the bus lane extension shows the shortest journey times. Modelled journey times on Aldwarke Lane are approximately 5 minutes longer if the bus lane extension is not included in the scheme.

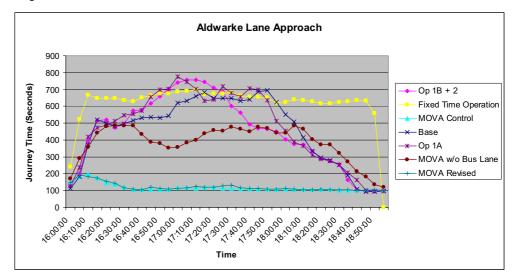


Figure 7.1 – Evening Peak Aldwarke Lane average journey time by option

1.4.8 Queue length graphs detailed by approach can be found as Appendix B to this addendum.

1.5 MONETISED BENEFITS OF SCHEMES

1.5.1 As in Section 5 of the study report, the monetised benefits presented below have been produced using Webtag Unit 3.5.6 Values of Time and Operating Costs based on the outputs produced from the Paramics modelling.

Whole Network Impact within Peak Periods

1.5.2 The figures in Table 1.1 below indicate that over the first year the revised Option 4 with MOVA control model generates the largest benefits over the existing base situation.

Table 1.1 – Whole network benefits for peak periods (annualised)
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Scheme	AM	PM	Total
Option 1 (a)	£ 5,297.82	- £ 89,760.59	- £ 84,462.77
Option 2 + 1 (b)	- £ 66,938.02	£ 31,087.56	- £ 35,850.46
Option 4 – Fixed Time	-£ 131,769.74	-£482,110.78	-£ 613,880.53
Option 4 - MOVA	-£ 110,213.37	£ 678,521.07	£ 568,307.70
Option 4 – MOVA Revised	-£ 111,378.85	£682,194.40	£ 570,815.56
Option 4 – MOVA w/o Bus Lane	- £ 78,518.06	£355,858.63	£ 277,340.58

1.5.3 Removing the bus lane extension from the model leads to an overall reduction in the benefits that can be derived from the scheme. Although there is a reduction in disbenefit in the morning peak period there is a significant reduction, almost halving, of benefits in the evening peak period. This can mostly be attributed to the increase in journey time and queuing seen on Aldwarke Lane compared with the MOVA option.

Whole Network Impact within Peak Hours

1.5.4 Table 1.2 below indicates that removing the bus lane increases the dis-benefit for buses in the morning peak hour and creates a dis-benefit for buses in the evening peak hour. It also sees a reduction in benefits for Non-PT vehicles in the evening peak hour.

Scheme	AM Peak Hour ((08:00 – 09:00)	PM Peak Hour	Total		
Scheme	Non – PT	РТ	Non – PT	РТ	TOLAI	
Op 1 (a)	- £ 1237.49	£ 172.14	£ 2,424.06	£ 114.02	£ 2,472.73	
Op 2 + 1 (b)	- £ 11,955.82	- £ 989.44	£ 4,251.80	- £ 1,154.22	-£9,847.68	
Option 4 – Fixed Time	- £ 26,285.43	- £ 3,419.99	£ 5,643.24	- £ 390.62	- £ 24,452.81	
Option 4 – MOVA	- £ 24,596.31	- £ 1,190.46	£ 240,330.78	£ 592.93	£ 214,416.93	
Option 4 – MOVA Revised	- £ 26,185.11	- £ 1,012.98	£ 249,072.89	£ 637.06	£ 222,511.87	
Option 4 – MOVA w/o Bus Lane	- £ 24,484.83	- £ 3,669.37	£ 140,876.71	- £ 173.61	£ 112,548.90	

Table 1.2 – Whole network benefits for peak hour (annualised)

1.5.5 Over the first year the revised Option 4 with MOVA control model generates the largest benefits over the existing base situation.

1.6 ADDITIONAL OPTION TESTING SUMMARY

1.6.1 Based on the additional option testing undertaken the slightly revised Option 4 with MOVA control model is the preferred option. It generates further queue length reduction, journey time savings and journey time reliability over the previous Option 4 with MOVA control model and the overall benefits are much greater than any other option tested.

1.6.2 The removal of the bus lane extension almost halves the benefit to all vehicles in the evening peak and creates a dis-benefit to buses. The main increase in delay comes on Aldwarke Lane with approximately a 5 minute journey time increase. This is due to the restriction on available green time to allow coordination of the remote bus priority on Fitzwilliam Road.

2 Recommendations and Way Forward

2.1 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1.1 Following option analysis and via consultation with SYPTE, RMBC and First Group, WSP recommend that Option 4 – Full Signalisation with MOVA control is taken forward as the preferred option for improvements at Mushroom Roundabout.

2.1.2 Although the preferred scheme requires the highest level capital investment of all the options considered, it delivers journey time improvements and reliability improvements for all vehicles, whilst also providing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists on all arms of the junction.

2.1.3 The marginal additional expenditure required to provide MOVA control over fixed time operation, for the full signalisation scheme, delivers significant benefits by providing a method of control capable of substantially reducing queuing and delay overall.

2.1.4 Options 1 (a) and 1 (b) + 2, the metering options, requiring a lower level of expenditure but show dis-benefits that are significant compared with the expected benefit. They also raise safety concerns on a number of levels, thus rendering the options unsuitable.

2.1.5 Following the additional option testing undertaken, Option 4 with MOVA control without the proposed bus lane extension is a viable alternative to the full Option 4 scheme at a lower cost but therefore delivering lower benefits. There is potential for the lower cost scheme to be upgraded to the full scheme at a later date but this would incur higher costs than if the scheme was implemented together.

2.2 WAY FORWARD

2.2.1 A prioritisation appraisal tool should be utilised to consider the findings of this Addendum and other identified corridor wide interventions. This will ensure that any investment in either a single scheme or combination of schemes is targeted at achieving maximum benefit and therefore overall value for money.

2.2.2 Should the above identify signalisation of mushroom to be the preferred scheme funding should be sought by SYPTE and RMBC to progress the scheme, taking account of cost estimates being prepared by RMBC.

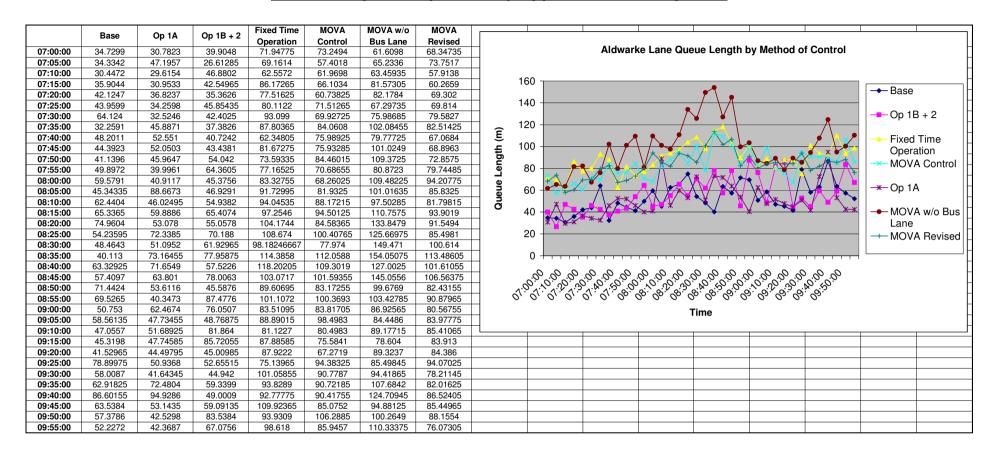
2.2.3 The scheme should be progressed through detailed design, taking account of the conceptual design of both the physical and operational aspects, and the findings of the modelling carried out to date by WSP,

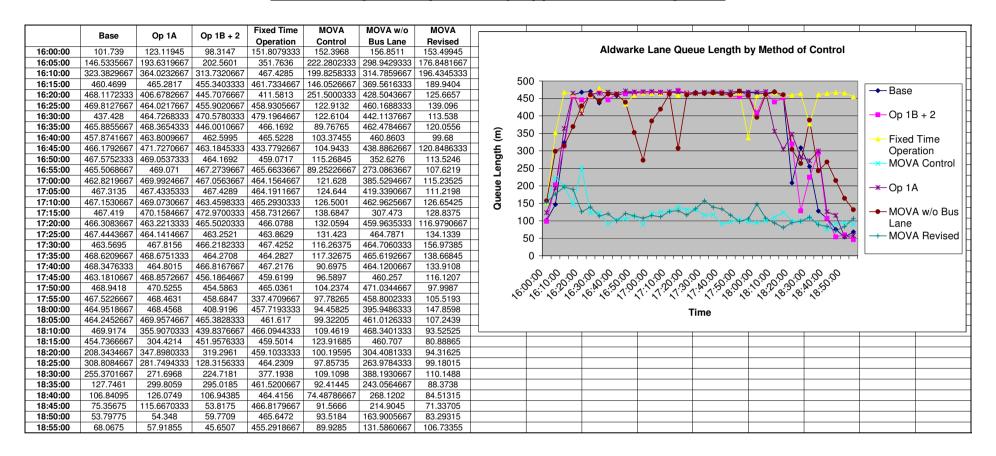
2.2.4 Consideration should be given to the wider corridor and potential interventions to further improve the situation for all vehicles and journey time reliability for buses, with particular attention paid to St Ann's Roundabout and Oldgate Lane.

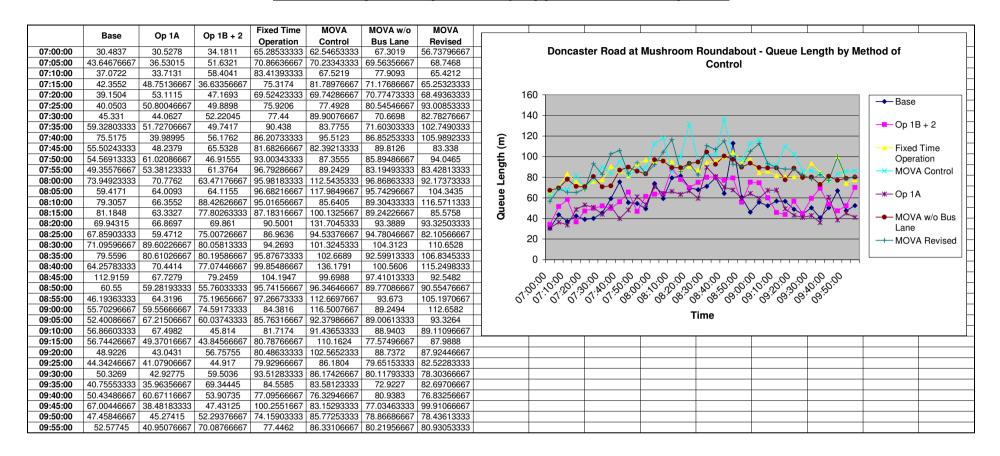
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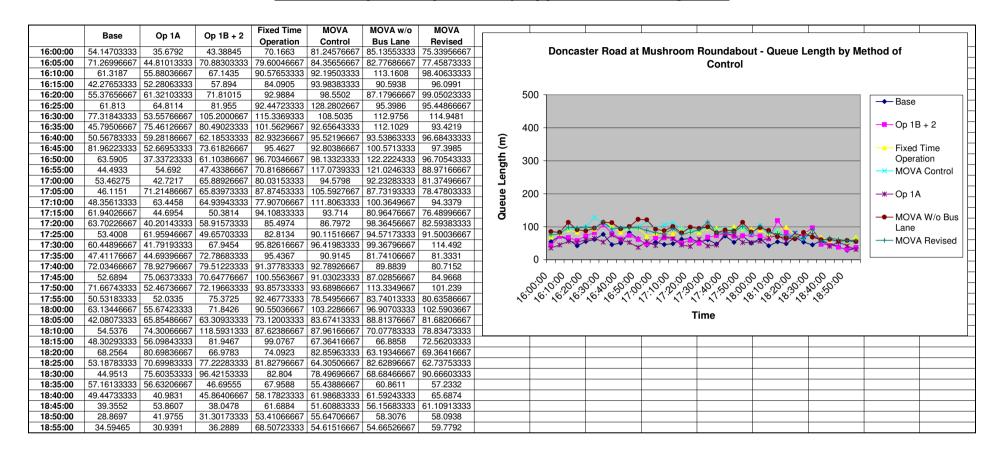


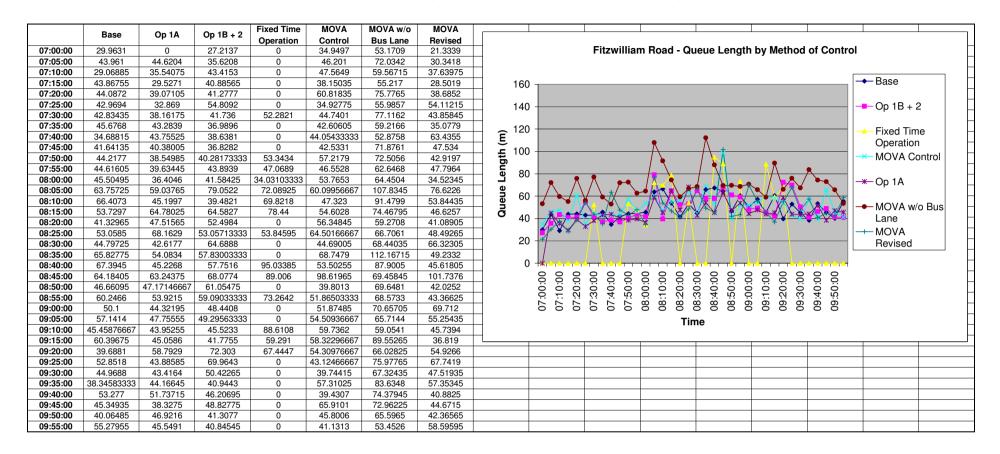
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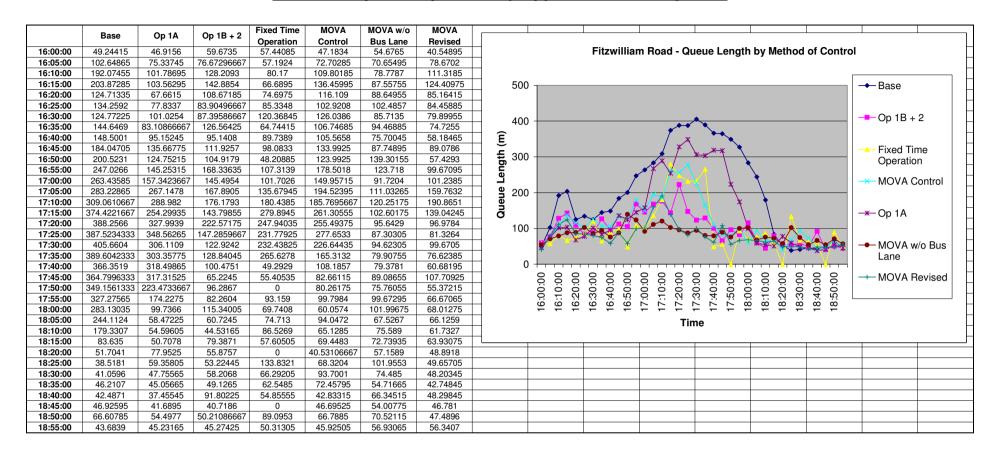


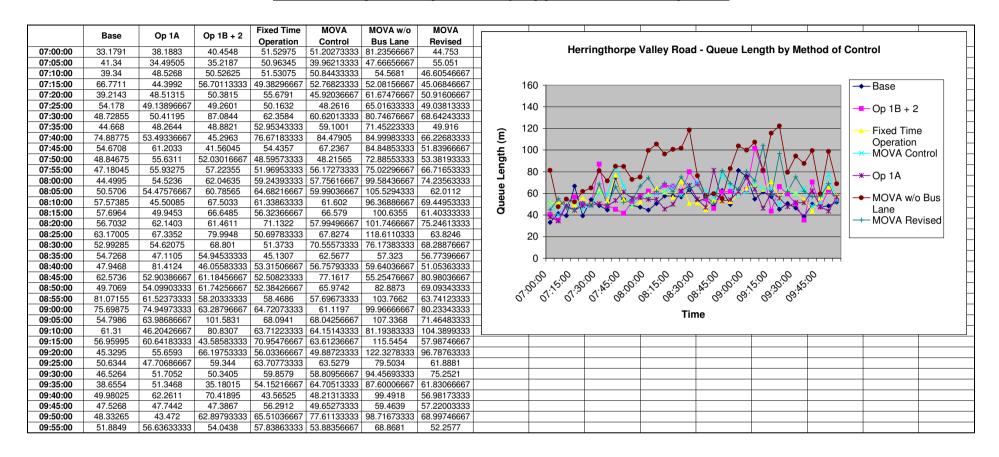


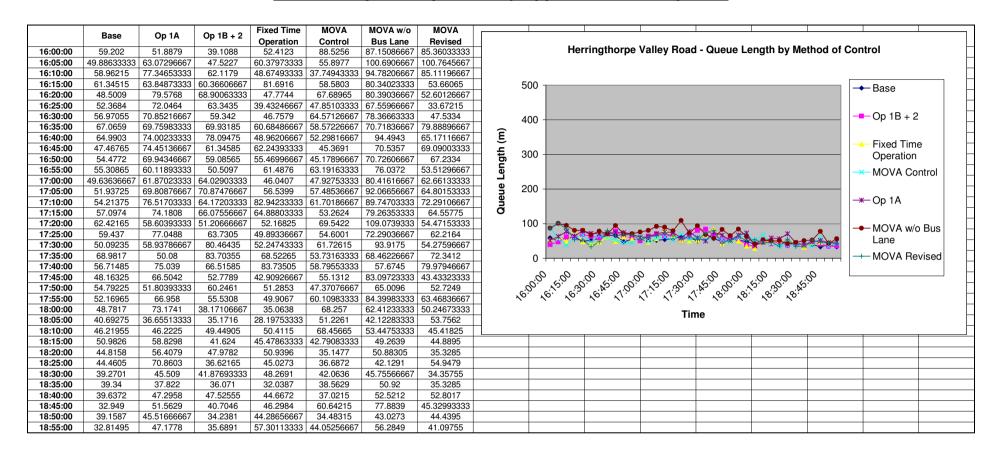






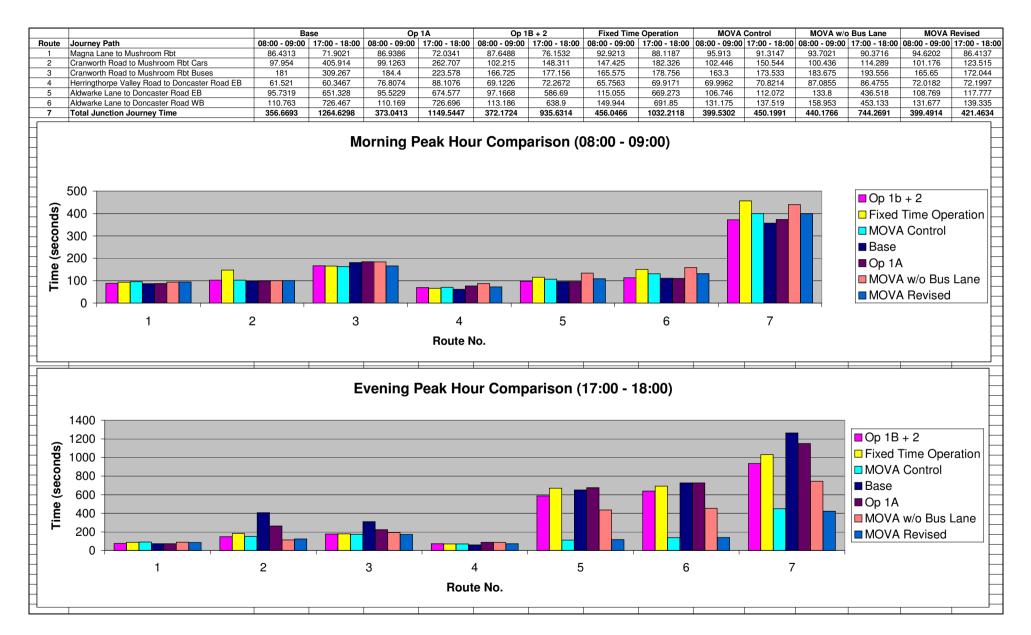




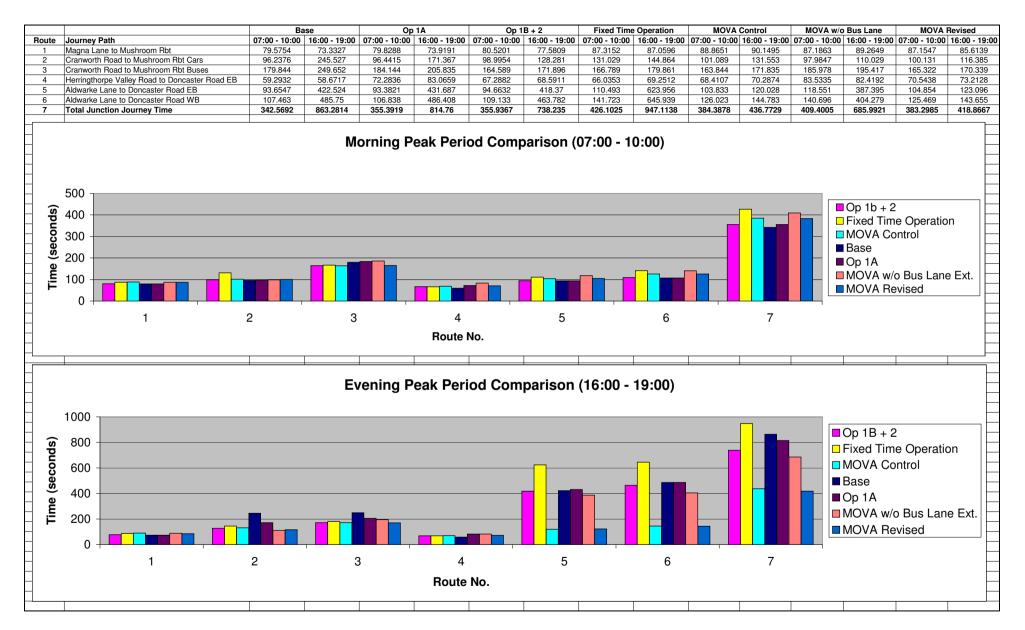


Appendix B Additional Option Testing -Journey Time Graphs

Journey Time Comparison at Mushroom Roundabout



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