

Equalities Monitoring

To help us make sure that the services we provide are fair to everyone in Sheffield/Rotherham we would like to ask you some additional questions.

By answering these questions you will help the us identify gaps in our service provision, target resources more effectively, and establish who our customers are.

Any answer you give is strictly confidential. Thank you for your assistance.

Q1 Are you?
 Male..... Female.....

Q2 Do you consider yourself to be disabled?
 Yes..... No.....

Q3 If you answered yes to the above question, and if you wish, please tick as many boxes below that you consider applies to you:

Physical or mobility impairment..... Learning disabled person.....
 Sensory impairment (hearing, vision or speech ..)..... Non-visible condition such as epilepsy or diabetes.....
 Mental health service user.....

Q4 What is your age?

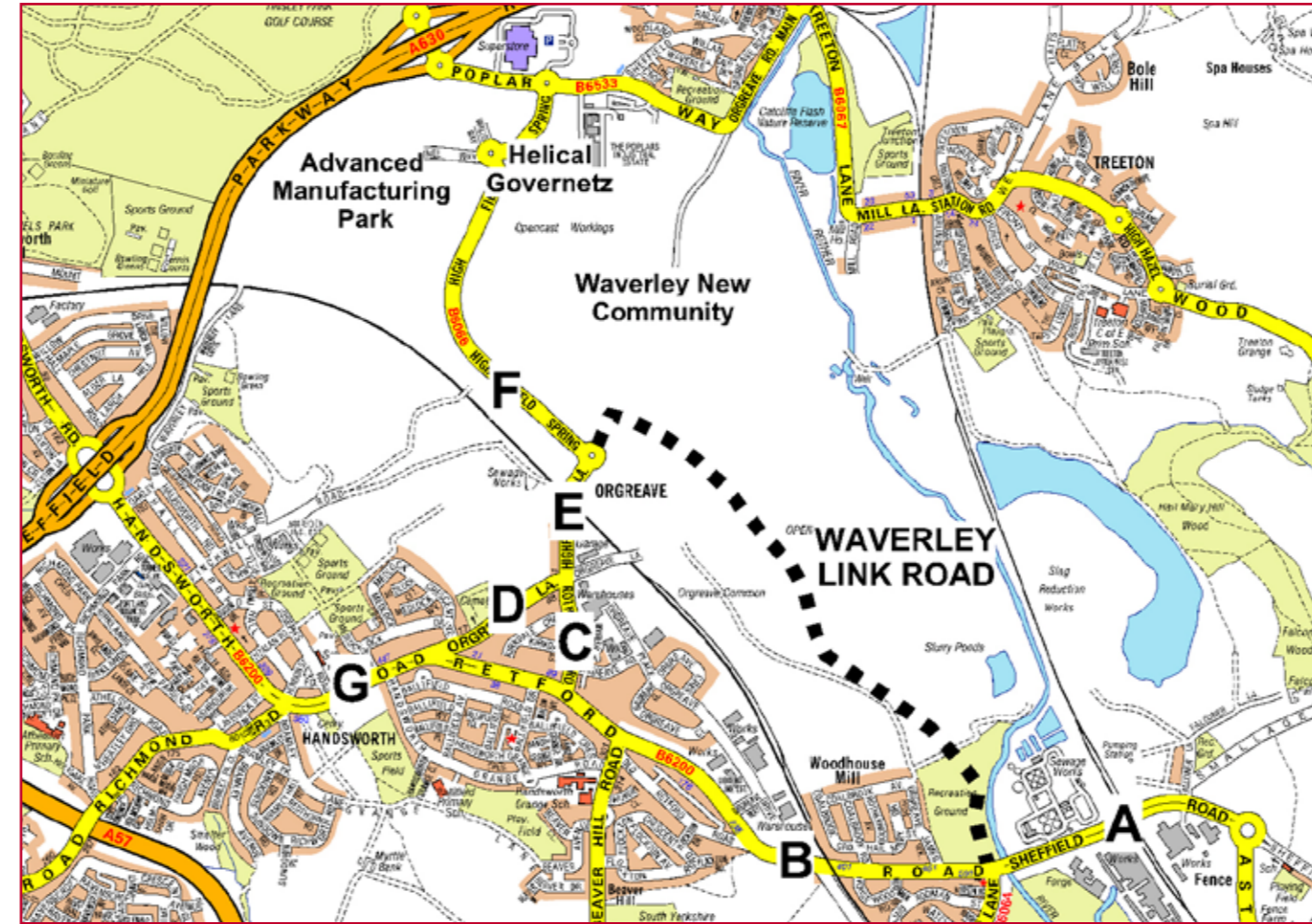
Under 25..... 45 to 54.....
 25 to 34..... 55 to 64.....
 35 to 44..... 65 or older.....

Q5 How would you describe your ethnic origin (please tick only one box)

White British..... White Irish..... Other White Background.....
 Black Caribbean..... Black African..... Other Black Background.....
 Chinese..... Yemeni..... Other Ethnic Background.....
 Indian..... Pakistani..... Bangladeshi.....
 Kashmiri..... Other Asian Background..... Decline to answer.....
 White & Black Caribbean..... White & Black African..... White & Asian.....
 Other Mixed Race Background.....
 Other White Background.....
 Other Black Background.....
 Other Ethnic Background.....
 Other Asian Background.....
 Other Mixed Race Background.....

Thank you for completing this form. The information provided will help us to improve our services to you and others in Sheffield/Rotherham.

Key Plan



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Ak vy alebo niekto koho poznáte potrebuje pomoc pri pochopení alebo čítaní tohto dokumentu, prosím kontaktujte nás na vyššie uvedenom čísle alebo nám pošlite e-mail.

نه گهر تو یان که سنیک که تو دهناسی پیوستی بیارمستی هه بیت بۆ نه وهی له م به لگه نامه به تیبگات یان بیخوینینه وه، تکایه په یوه دندیمان پیوه بکه له سهه نهو ژماره یه سهه وه دا یان بهو نیمه یله.

إذا كنت انت أو اي شخص تعرفه بحاجة إلى مساعدة لفهم أو قراءة هذه الوثيقة، الرجاء الاتصال على الرقم اعلاه، أو مراسلتنا عبر البريد الإلكتروني

اگر آپ یا آپ کے جاننے والے کسی شخص کو اس دستاویز کو سمجھنے یا پڑھنے کیلئے مدد کی ضرورت ہے تو برائے مہربانی مندرجہ بالا نمبر پر ہم سے رابطہ کریں یا ہمیں ای میل کریں۔

اگر جناب عالی یا شخص دیگری که شما اورا می شناسید برای خواندن یا فهمیدن این مدارک نیاز به کمک دارد لطفاً با ما یوسيله شماره بالا یا ایمیل تماس حاصل فرمایید.

Waverley Link Road Consultation Document

We need your views please!

Rotherham Council is currently preparing a revised bid for funding to the Department for Transport for Waverley Link Road. Before we submit this bid, we want to know what people think about the scheme. This leaflet sets out key information about the link road and has a questionnaire for you to fill in to let us know how you feel.

Why the link road scheme?

In 2000, we looked at what new transport improvements would benefit South Yorkshire and help provide new jobs and homes. We identified a number of possible schemes, one of which was a new relief road in Waverley. In 2003, we tried to find the best route for this new relief road. We looked at a number of options and decided that the best one would be a new link road between the B6066 Highfield Spring and the B6200 Retford Road.

In January 2005, Rotherham Council consulted the public on two possible routes for the proposed new link road. One crossing the middle of the Woodhouse Mill playing fields and one crossing the River Rother and railway line and then joining into the existing roundabout at Fence. The response from local residents at that time showed that over 80% of those who answered were in favour of a link road, but there was no clear preference for either of the two routes. Subsequently it was shown that the route to Fence was too costly and went through an environmentally sensitive area.

As a result of comments made by the public during that consultation, a third route crossing the River Rother and the Yorkshire Water sewage works was produced. However, meetings with Yorkshire Water soon showed that this route was unacceptable to them as it affected future expansion of the Sewage Treatment Works. As a result, the proposed route was changed to run to the west of the river, on the east side of the playing fields and this is the current preferred route. This is shown on Plan 1 in this leaflet.

Residents were informed of this change to the route at a series of public meetings held in 2008. A funding bid was then submitted to the Department for Transport in July 2009 for that route.

Since 2009, a lot of development has taken place in the area, particularly at the Advanced Manufacturing Park. Waverley New Community and the Helical Governetz office campus have obtained planning permission and further development

is planned at Sheffield Airport and throughout the Don Valley.

The 4000 new houses, schools and businesses in the Waverley New Community and the Helical Governetz office campus will lead to extra traffic in the area. As part of their planning conditions these developments are required to contribute money towards the proposed Waverley Link Road. However the developments can still go ahead even without the link road being built and construction of the first houses in Waverley is expected to begin in 2012.

Waverley Link Road would provide a new access to these developments, taking traffic away from the already congested B6200 Retford / Handsworth Road and from the A630 Sheffield Parkway and M1 Motorway.

The table below shows the predicted effect of these developments and background traffic growth on key roads throughout the area. Locations are shown on the Key Plan on the back of this document.

Proportional traffic flow on key roads in 2007 and in 2028 both without and with the link road			
Road (Location shown on Key Plan)	2007 traffic flow (baseline)	2028 traffic flow (do nothing)	2028 traffic flow (with link road)
B6200 Sheffield Road (A)	100	125	144
B6200 Retford Road (B)	100	116	78
B6066 Rotherham Road (C)	100	126	90
B6066 Orgreave Lane (D)	100	199	192
B6066 Highfield Lane (E)	100	160	134
B6066 Highfield Spring (F)	100	134	169
B6200 Handsworth Road (G)	100	139	142

For example the table shows that without the link road traffic flow on the B6066 Rotherham Road would increase by +26% by 2028 and with the link road it would reduce by -10% by 2028. Similarly on the B6066 Highfield Spring, traffic flow would increase by +34% by 2028 without the link road and increase by +69% with it.



Artists impression of the link road looking north from the southern end of Woodhouse Mill Playing Fields

What will the new link road look like?

Waverley Link Road would be a 1.2 mile long single-carriageway road, 7.3m wide, with a shared footway / cycleway on each side. The speed limit would be 40mph. A three arm traffic light controlled junction would be created where it joins Highfield Lane. At its southern end it will join the B6200 Retford Road at the existing junction with the B6064 Furnace Lane. The southern junction will be converted from a three-arm traffic light junction to a four-arm traffic light controlled junction.

The proposed scheme is different from that originally proposed in 2009 because it now stops at Highfield Lane and joins it close to the existing B6066 Highfield Lane / Highfield Road roundabout.

The route of the link road is shown on Plan 1.

Plan 1



What else have we looked at?

We have looked at whether the same benefits that the proposed link road would provide could be achieved by just improving Retford Road. A study has shown that the majority of the key benefits could be achieved but at a much greater cost (approx. £24 million) which is around 2½ times more expensive than the new link road. This is because we would need to acquire a lot of land to enable Retford Road to be widened and junctions improved. This would also bring traffic closer to properties on Retford Road and would do nothing to reduce the amount of traffic using it, leading to increased noise and pollution to those living alongside it. It is also very unlikely that Central Government could afford to fund this expensive alternative scheme.

The only other alternative is to do nothing. Again, this was looked at in the study but showed that by not building the link road, traffic flow and noise on Retford Road increased. A copy of this study can be found on the Consultation on Transport Issues page on our website at: http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/info/200107/transport_policy/150/consultation_on_transportation_issues.

What about the playing fields, houses and open space?

One of the key issues with the link road is that it will result in the loss of some of the green space provided by the playing fields. The proposed link road would run along the east side of the Woodhouse Mill playing fields and it has been designed to use as little of the playing fields as possible.

A lot of new landscaping would be provided as part of the scheme between the link road and the playing fields. The existing football pitch would be moved slightly and re-marked together with new goal posts.

The Waverley New Community proposal will also provide a lot of new high quality open space areas, which will help to make up for the area lost from the playing field at Woodhouse Mill.

In order to build the scheme we would need to purchase and then demolish four houses on Retford Road.

The route of the link road over Woodhouse Mill playing fields is shown on Plan 2.

Your views please!

Please answer the questions on the sheet attached to this leaflet and also let us have your comments in the space provided. Please return the questionnaire to us by **31st August 2011** in the pre-paid envelope provided.

A drop in session will be held on Tuesday 16th August 2011 from 2pm to 8pm at The Old Rectory on Handsworth Road where officers from both Rotherham and Sheffield Councils will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Background information

Further information on the link road, such as the funding bid (Major Scheme Business Case) from July 2009 and the study into the alternatives, can be found on the Rotherham Council website at:

http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/info/200107/transport_policy/150/consultation_on_transportation_issues

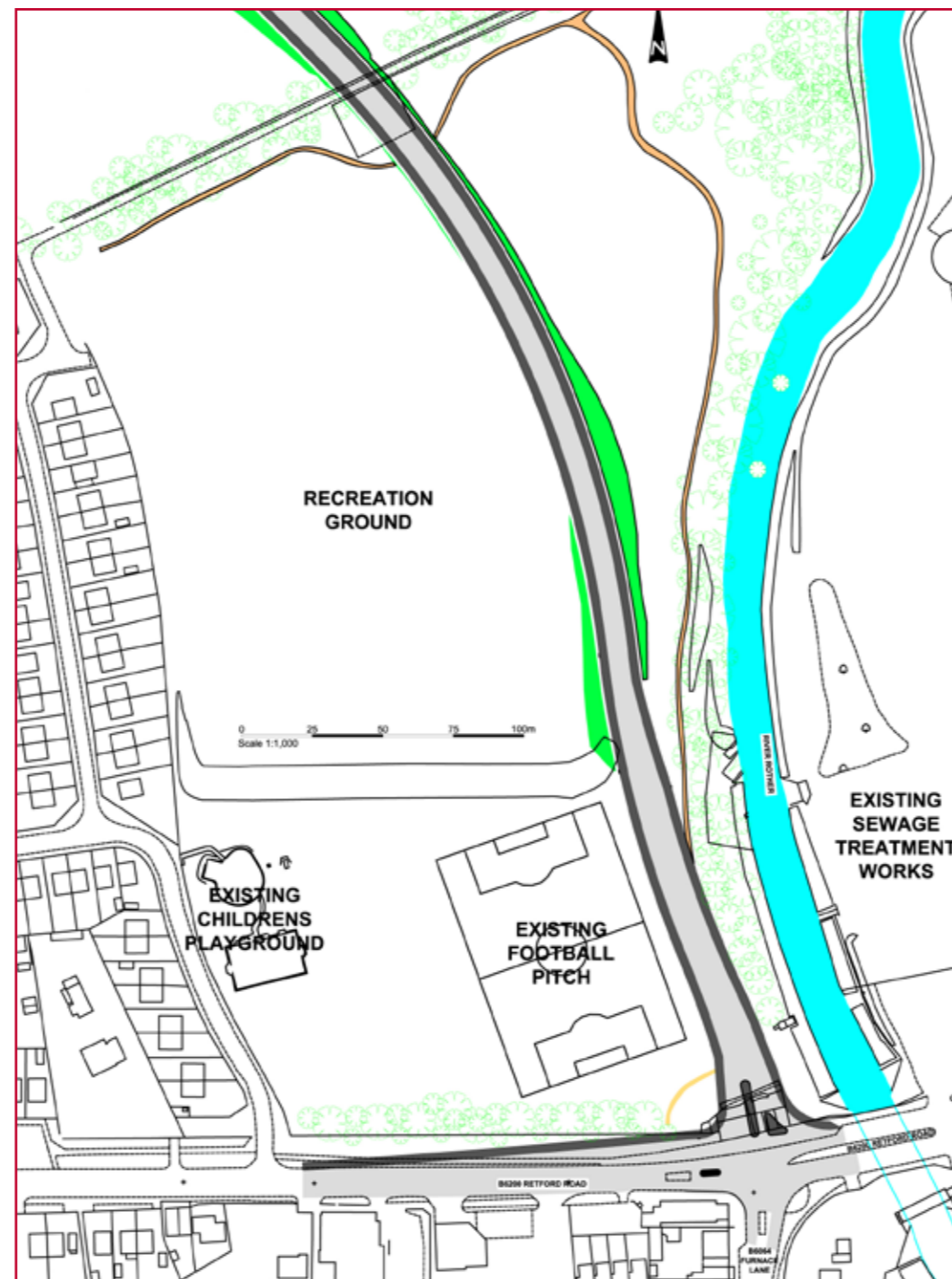
You can also make comments on the link road via the website.

Next steps

Rotherham Council will consider all of the responses made to this consultation. A decision will then be made on whether or not to make a funding bid to the Department for Transport on 9 September 2011 for the Waverley Link Road scheme.

Further consultation on the proposals will be held if the scheme is taken forward and a planning application submitted.

Plan 2



QUESTIONNAIRE

There is now a clear choice. We either bid for funding to provide a new link road on the route as shown on Plan 1 and Plan 2, or we accept that no significant improvements to the existing highway network will be pursued to offset the predicted increase in traffic in the area.

Q1 Do you support the route of the proposed link road as shown in plan number one?

YES NO

Q2 If you answered YES to Q1 please indicate the reason for your support (please tick all that apply)

- Will improve access to jobs
- Will reduce traffic congestion
- Will encourage regeneration
- Will improve the environment
- Is better than doing nothing
- Other (please state)

Q3 If you answered NO to Q1 please indicate why you do not support the proposal (please tick all that apply)

- Will damage Woodhouse Mill playing fields
- Will result in the demolition of 4 existing houses
- Will be harmful to the environment
- Will cost too much
- Don't see the need for it
- Other (please state)

Q4 Please use the space below for any other comments you may have.

Name

Address

Postcode

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