

Briefing Note

Rochdale Road / Fraser Street Safety Measures

8th July 2016

1 Background and purpose of scheme

Fraser Street / Rochdale Road junction is a visibly open well used junction where Rochdale Road grades down considerably in an easterly direction which appears to encourage excessive vehicular speeds particularly in the downhill direction.

Vehicular flows across Rochdale Road from Chamber Road to Fraser Street are also high. The junction has a record of collisions, one of which resulted in a vehicle coming to rest in the shop at the north east corner of the junction.

The location of the shop and it's close proximity to the kerb side mean that there is risk of pedestrians on the footway being affected by similar collisions in the future. There is also a cluster of street furniture particularly close to the kerb edge at this location.

The existing carriageway within the junction is in a state of disrepair with numerous areas of significant failure, most notably around the various chambers and gullies. Existing surface treatments and road markings within the junction were also similarly degraded (the junction being protected by 'No Waiting' restrictions between the hours of 8am-8pm).

Funding was secured to introduce measures at this location in year 2 (17/18) of the 16/17-18/19 3 year Local Transport Capital Programme.

The project aims to heighten awareness of the junction to drivers and reduce vehicle speeds in an effort to reduce the potential for collisions. The project also aims to improve safety for all road users at this junction.

2 Current position

Some advanced work has been undertaken on this project and an outline design has been produced. See attached General Arrangement plan.

Funding has been brought forward to enable delivery of the proposals in financial year 16/17.

Unity Partnership will be commencing the detailed design and consultation on this project in July.

A Road Hump Notice (legal procedure with statutory consultation) will need to be processed before the works can be procured but we are hoping to be in a position to deliver the works on site before the end of 2016 (subject to receiving no objections to the proposals)