Public Consultation 20 June – 18 July 2016

HAVE YOUR SAY ON: Fountain Roundabout, New Malden

These proposals are part of the Go Cycle Programme. Transport for London have allocated £30 million to relieve the pressures of a growing population on the borough’s transport network by:

- transforming cycling facilities for all
- improving road safety and public spaces
- regenerating and supporting Kingston’s economy
Our consultations
Summer 2016 sees the next stage of Go Cycle programme consultations taking place. We are sharing our proposals and want to know what you think. Your feedback will help shape the final plans. There are four consultations taking place in summer 2016.
- Kingston Station area
- Wheatfield Way area
- Fountain Roundabout, New Malden
- Surbiton to Kingston

Consultation exhibition
You can talk to a member of the Go Cycle team about the proposals at the temporary exhibition located at 30a Fife Road (next to M&S) throughout the consultation period. The exhibition will be open at the following times: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays 11am-4 pm; Thursdays from 4-8pm. Alternatively you can visit the separate consultations at the following locations and times:

Surbiton to Kingston consultations:
Surbiton Station - Friday 24 June 7am-12 noon
30a Fife Road - Saturday 9 July 11am-4pm

Kingston Station area and Wheatfield Way area consultations:
30a Fife Road - Saturday 25 June 12 noon-4pm
30a Fife Road - Thursday 7 July from 4pm-7pm

Fountain Roundabout, New Malden consultations:
Kingston Environment Centre - Thursday 30 June 4pm-7pm
Kingston Environment Centre - Saturday 2 July 10am-1pm

Please answer the questions listed within this consultation and provide any additional comments you have. Post the document back to us in the Freepost envelope supplied. Alternatively, you can go online and answer the questions at: www.kingston.gov.uk/gocycleconsultations
Overview
Fountain Roundabout is the key connection between Kingston and New Malden, and is a major gateway to New Malden High Street. The roundabout is currently dominated by motor vehicles, with little or no priority for those travelling through the area on foot, by bicycle, or by bus. The surrounding streetscape is tired and outdated, and does little to highlight the importance of this area as a key gateway to the borough. Furthermore, the attractive historic fountain (after which the roundabout is named) is isolated and overlooked, being located at the centre of a busy roundabout.

Vision
To transform Fountain Roundabout into a safe, welcoming and attractive place that benefits local residents and supports local businesses by improving connections and creating high quality amenity space.

Objectives
• Improve safety – the roundabout has a poor accident record. We want to make it a safer place for general traffic, buses, cyclists and pedestrians by better controlling how the traffic flows through the area.
• Strengthen connections – the routes for pedestrians and cyclists are poor. We want to provide safe and direct routes and convenient crossings for people to travel through the area.
• Encourage walking and cycling – we hope that the improvements will encourage people to walk and cycle through the area.
• Create public space – the public space around the roundabout is tired and underused. We want to create an attractive and accessible space which local residents can enjoy.
• Better traffic management – We will take a number of steps to ensure that the changes we make are balanced. Journey times through the junction for motorists and bus, coach and taxi passengers are likely to change. We will continue to review and amend traffic signal timings to ensure that the congestion in the area is minimised.

Proposals
• Convert Fountain Roundabout into a signalled crossroads junction. This will allow us to control traffic better and make the junction safer. Improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists with the introduction of new traffic signal crossings on all approaches to the junction.
• Provide cycle lanes to allow cyclists to approach the junction without needing to enter the main traffic flow.
• Provide wider footways and an opportunity to create a new public space. This new space provides opportunities for tree planting, landscaping and possible commercial opportunities (e.g. small scale mobile kiosk).
• Provide a feature in the new public space to represent the heritage of the fountain.
• Remove street clutter (e.g. unnecessary signage).
• To ensure the new road layout operates efficiently, we would need to ban the right turn from Malden Road onto Burlington Road.
• Make bus stops around the junction accessible for all.
FOUNTAIN ROUNDABOUT ISSUES

The plan on the right shows the existing layout.

- **The existing roundabout has a poor safety record**
  Fountain Roundabout has a relatively high accident rate for pedestrians (eight people in five years), cyclists (five in the same period) and motor vehicles (15 in the same period).

- **The routes for pedestrians and cyclists are poorly connected**
  Pedestrian crossing points are either missing or poorly located, making it difficult for pedestrians to cross from one side of the roundabout to the other. There are no designated areas of roadway for cyclists to use, meaning that those travelling by bicycle often have to enter the busy roundabout with other motor traffic – creating an unpleasant cycling environment and increasing the risk for accidents.

- **Congestion at peak times**
  Fountain Roundabout is heavily used and frequently blocks. Due to the lack of traffic management the current layout cannot easily be controlled to respond to traffic congestion or incidents on the wider road network (e.g. on the A3).

- **The public space around the roundabout is underused and of poor quality**
  The limited public space around Fountain Roundabout means that pedestrians are forced to use narrow footways when walking through the area. The public space to the northwest of the roundabout appears outdated when compared to many other public spaces around London.

- **Fountain Roundabout is dominated by traffic**
  The roundabout uses a large amount of road space, much of which is inaccessible and wasted at the centre of the roundabout. The lack of space means that many of the footways are narrow and feel constrained. This makes the area unappealing and unpleasant for pedestrians.

- **Difficult to access the High Street from the bus stops**
  People wishing to access the High Street from the bus stops on Kingston Road and Malden Road find the route unsafe and difficult due to busy roads, narrow pavements and missing or poorly located crossings.

  ![Image of Fountain Roundabout]

- **The fountain monument**
  The fountain is not in a working state and is of poor quality. It is also inaccessible to the public.

- **Shops to the south of the roundabout feel disconnected from the High Street**
  This area feels disconnected from the High Street. It is very busy, with narrow and congested footways.
Poor quality / underused public space

28 accidents from 2010-2015 (including 4 serious) of which 13 involved pedestrian or cyclist injury

Cyclists share the roadspace with motor vehicles

Fountain is a local landmark, but inaccessible to public

Traffic congestion occurs on all approaches and on the roundabout itself

Bus stop disconnected from the High Street

Narrow footways

Shops to the south are disconnected from High Street

EXISTING LAYOUT

Bus stop disconnected from the High Street

Non-signalled controlled crossings with drop kerbs

Routes accessing controlled crossings

No existing pedestrian crossings
The plan on the right shows the proposed layout.

To meet the objectives, we propose a re-design for the existing Fountain Roundabout as a new crossroads junction with traffic signals. This will allow us to manage traffic better, and make the junction safer for all.

- **Introduce traffic signal technology**
  Enabling better management of the junction, resulting in fewer blockages and more predictable traffic flows.

- **Change road layout**
  There will be a ban on right turns for traffic turning from Malden Road into Burlington Road to help smooth traffic flows.

- **Signalised cycle/pedestrian crossings**
  Signalised crossings on each approach to the junction will provide safe and direct connections from residential areas and bus stops to New Malden High Street, local businesses and community facilities.

- **Improve experience for cyclists/ pedestrians**
  Safe and direct opportunities for cyclists and pedestrians to travel through the junction will be provided. Cycle lanes will allow cyclists to approach the junction without needing to enter the main traffic flow. Signal-controlled cycle/pedestrian crossings on each approach to the junction will enable people to cross, reducing the potential conflict with motor vehicles. It will also be better connected to the surrounding cycling network.

- **Improve public space**
  The plans for public space shown here are indicative only and could take many forms. The new road layout will free space for wider footways and more accessible public space for the local community. This space could provide new opportunities for tree planting, landscaping and possible commercial uses. The improvements could also support wider regeneration initiatives in the area. **We are keen to hear your views on what the space should contain – please see page nine.**

- **Help the environment**
  The scheme will enable a shift towards more environmentally friendly, sustainable forms of transport, which in conjunction with planting of trees and other greenery in the improved public space, will enhance the local area’s environment.

- **Make a feature of the fountain**
  The fountain is an important local landmark and we will seek to provide a feature in the new public space to represent this heritage.

We will take a number of steps to ensure that the changes we make at Fountain Roundabout are balanced. Journey times for motorists and bus, coach and taxi passengers are likely to change. We will continue to review and amend traffic signal timings to ensure that the congestion in the area is minimised.
PROPOSED JUNCTION DESIGN

- Possibility of kiosk retail
- New trees, green space and seating
- New safer cycle facilities
- Direct signal controlled crossings suitable for pedestrians and cyclists
- Access maintained
- Heritage / art feature to reflect the fountain in public space
- No right turn from Malden Road to Burlington Road
- Better connections from Malden Road to High Street

Indicative public space proposals shown in red dashed area. We are keen to get your views (see question five on page nine).
QUESTIONS

1. Overall, what are your views on the proposal to convert the roundabout into a crossroads junction?
   - Strongly favour .................................................................
   - Somewhat favour .........................................................
   - Neutral ...........................................................................
   - Somewhat oppose ...........................................................
   - Strongly oppose ..............................................................
   - Don’t know ......................................................................

2. In what capacity do you most frequently use Fountain Roundabout? (Please select one)
   - Pedestrian .................................................................
   - Cyclist ........................................................................
   - Bus passenger ...........................................................
   - Car/van driver .............................................................
   - Motorcyclist ..............................................................
   - Other (please explain) ...................................................

3. How do you think the proposal to convert the roundabout into a crossroads junction will benefit you?
   (Please select all which apply)
   - Improved safety for all users ........................................
   - Easier to make journeys on foot, by bike and by bus ....
   - Better access to shops ...................................................
   - Easier to cross the road .................................................
   - More pleasant and attractive local environment .........
   - Better control of traffic flow ...........................................
   - None of these ..............................................................
   - Other (please explain) ....................................................

4. How likely are you to walk or cycle in the local area as a result of the proposal to convert the roundabout into a crossroads junction?
   - Extremely likely ...........................................................
   - Likely ...........................................................................
   - Neutral ........................................................................
   - Unlikely .......................................................................
   - Extremely unlikely .......................................................
5. Looking at the red dotted line shown on page seven, please say which of the following elements you would like to see in the new arrangement. (Please select all which apply)
   - Greenery (trees, shrubs, flowers)
   - Play space
   - Exercise space
   - Seating
   - Refreshment kiosk
   - Public art (incorporating the fountain)
   - Space that could be used for local events such as markets
   - Other (please explain)

Please give any relevant comments. Please use the additional space on page nine, or a separate sheet

6. Please tell us if you have any further comments about the proposals.
THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART

This consultation closes on 18 July.

If you have difficulty reading this document because of a disability or because English is not your first language, we can help you. Please call our helpline on 0208 547 5000 or ask someone to call on your behalf.

There are two ways you can provide feedback to this consultation.

1. Online - visit www.kingston.gov.uk/gocycleconsultations
2. By post - complete the enclosed questionnaire and post it back to us using the enclosed Freepost envelope.

Don’t forget to check the website for roadshows and exhibitions and look out for the analysis and results of your feedback during the summer.

More information on the consultations is available online at www.kingston.gov.uk/gocycleconsultations

Many thanks for taking part in this survey - we really appreciate your interest and input.

What’s next?
We analyse the results and responses and publish this on our website. You can talk to a member of the Go Cycle team about the outlined proposals at the exhibition located at 30A Fife Road (next to M&S).
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If you would like to receive more information about Go Cycle, please add your e-mail details below:

Your e-mail:

A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU

Please indicate if you are commenting as: (please tick only one)
A local resident .................................................................
On behalf of a local business ..................................................
A visitor to the area ...........................................................
On behalf of a community organisation ..............................
Someone who works in the area ...........................................
Prefer not to say ..............................................................
Other ................................................................................

What type of travel do you mainly use to travel through the area?
Car / van driver ..............................................................
Car / van passenger ...........................................................
Powered two wheeler ......................................................
Taxi ...................................................................................
Bus ...................................................................................
Rail ...................................................................................
Walk ................................................................................
Cycle ............................................................................... 
Other ................................................................................

If you own a bicycle, on average, how often do you ride it on the road?
Every day ........................................................................
Most days .........................................................................
Several times a week ......................................................
Once a week ......................................................................
Once a fortnight ................................................................
Once a month ...................................................................
Less often .........................................................................
Never ................................................................................

To help us with our analysis, we would appreciate if you provide us with your postcode. This information will not be used to identify you personally or your individual property. Are you a local resident? Yes  □   No  □

Your postcode:
EQUALITY QUESTIONS

Equalities monitoring
Kingston Council uses the following information to ensure services are developed to meet the needs of all the community. We know that the monitoring questions are personal and private. We treat the information in a sensitive and confidential way as required by the Data Protection Act.

How would you describe your ethnic group? (Please tick only one box)
White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
Gypsy or Irish Traveller
Irish
Other white

Mixed
White and Black Caribbean
White and Black African
White and Asian
Other Mixed background

Asian or Asian British
Bangladeshi
Chinese
Indian
Korean
Pakistani
Tamil
Other Asian background

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British
African
Caribbean
Other Black/African/Caribbean background

Other ethnic groups
Arab
Other
Prefer not to say

Do you have any physical disability, mental health condition or illness lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?
Yes
No
Prefer not to say

If yes, what is the nature of your physical disability mental health condition or illness. (Please tick all that apply).
Vision
Hearing
Mobility
Learning disability
Mental health
Health diagnosis
Other – please tell

What gender are you?
Male
Female
I prefer not to say

Which of the following age categories do you fall into?
Under 16
16-24
25-34
35-44
45-54
55-64
65-74
75+

How would you describe your religion or belief?
Buddhist
Christian (all Christian denominations).
Hindu
Jewish
Muslim
Sikh
No religion
Prefer not to say
Any other religion

Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself?
Heterosexual
Bisexual
Gay
Lesbian
Other
Prefer not to say

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