

# A38 Derby junctions Newsletter

Newsletter issue 2 – Autumn 2015

Following our first newsletter in August 2015, this issue presents the results from the public consultation held during February and March 2015, and gives an update on our plans to improve the A38 Derby junctions.

We will issue quarterly newsletters to keep you informed of the scheme progress and what this may mean for you.

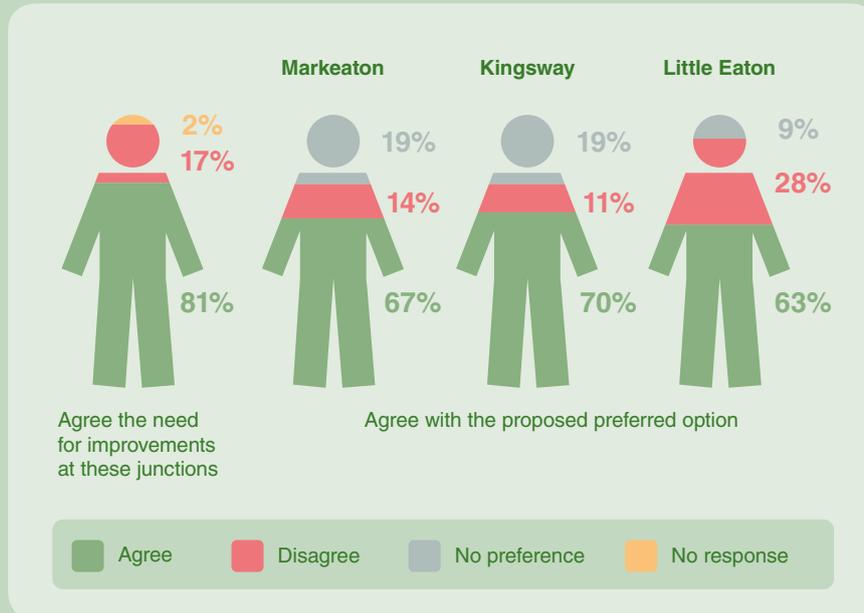


*Commuting bat in flight at night using thermal imaging, this technique was used to assess the presence of bats in the scheme area in Derby*

## Public Consultation Results

The latest public consultation on the proposals for the A38 Derby junctions improvement scheme ran between February and March this year and was attended by around 1200 visitors. The level of response received was

fantastic and we thank you all for coming to speak to the team during the consultation events, and for taking the time to write to us and complete the consultation questionnaires.



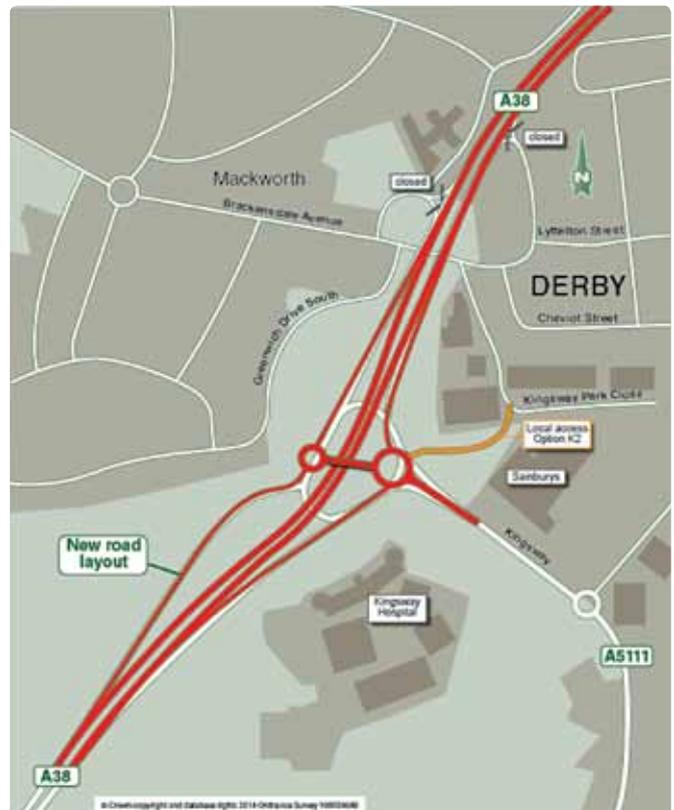
A total of 739 of you responded to the consultation either by writing to us or completing a questionnaire.

Whilst there is an overall support for our proposed layouts for the junctions, during the consultation we were asked to consider a number of different options of varying nature.

We examined all the suggested options using a two-stage assessment, with the first stage aimed at shortlisting the options that met the scheme objectives and were considered feasible and deliverable. The options that passed this initial assessment were then subjected to a more detailed assessment. This considered the costs as well as the engineering, environmental, traffic and economic advantages, disadvantages and constraints associated with each option.

The outcome of this assessment process has given us confidence that we have selected the best performing junction layout options to progress the scheme.

## Kingsway junction



The layout presented at the consultation was generally well received, but many of you raised

concerns about the closure of existing local access routes onto the A38. We have assessed the access link options to Greenwich Drive South (presented as option K1 at the consultation) and to Kingsway Park Close (option K2) and concluded that the access link to Kingsway Park Close would perform better overall. This option also received greater support during the consultation.

Our revised proposal for Kingsway junction therefore includes the junction layout presented at the consultation with the access link to Kingsway Park Close.

## Markeaton junction

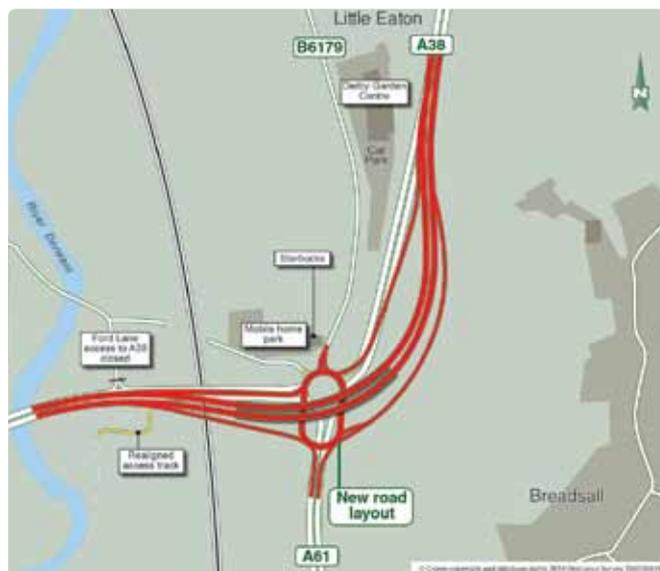


The majority of you agreed with our proposals for the junction itself.

49% of those who responded to our consultation were in favour of providing a replacement pedestrian footbridge over the A38, whilst only 21% of respondents felt that there was no need to replace it. We will continue to progress with the Markeaton junction layout presented at the consultation and our proposals will include the provision of a replacement footbridge to Markeaton Park.

Since consultation we have identified outline design options for access to Markeaton Park, McDonald's and Esso from the A52. We will continue to develop these designs in consultation with the operators of each site and Derby City Council.

## Little Eaton junction



Although the junction layout presented at the consultation was generally well received, some respondents felt that the previous consultation exercise held in 2003 was never concluded and a number of additional solutions were suggested. Following an initial sifting of the options received, we identified three, which merited a more detailed assessment. These options included the 'Option 2' presented at the 2003 consultation by Breadsall Parish Council and an option received from Councillor Abey Stevenson.

The assessment of all these options indicated that, in overall terms, the option presented during the consultation earlier this year performs better than the others, and will be retained. We will be issuing a separate summary giving more detail on this assessment, and the others from this consultation in the near future.

We understand that some of you raised concerns around the environmental impact of this option, and we are committed to adopt appropriate mitigation measures to minimise such impacts.

With regards to the need for the link road from Ford Lane to the B6179, the feedback we received during the consultation was mixed. The link road will not form part of the scheme design for now and we will re-consider the need for it following the completion of our new traffic assessment.

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## Environmental Surveys

We are continuing to carry out environmental surveys around the scheme area. This will help us to understand the potential environmental impacts of the scheme and how we can adjust our proposals to mitigate these impacts.



So far we have identified the presence of white clawed crayfish, different species of bats, barn owls, badgers and otters. We have also surveyed the existing trees in the area next to Markeaton junction and found veteran oaks and other trees classed as valuable and important trees. We have not identified reptiles, great crested newts or water voles in the area surveyed.

We have carried out noise monitoring surveys and we are continuing our air quality monitoring, which has been ongoing since August 2013. In addition, we are currently surveying for wintering birds and have more ecological surveys planned for next spring.

## Next Steps

We will continue to develop the scheme design and the assessment of the scheme impacts and benefits. We are also making progress in developing our traffic model, so we can understand how the proposed highway improvements will impact on local noise and air quality.

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