

Leicester City Council

Potential Future Highway Improvement Scheme - 'Evesham Road Link'

Summary note for Braunstone and Rowley Fields meeting concerning questions raised previously

15th March 2018

Following a number of questions raised previously on this scheme a general note has been prepared together with responses to specific questions where possible.

General note - March 2018

The Council is preparing a new Local Plan to guide future development proposals for the period to 2031. This could identify appropriate highway improvement schemes/lines required to protect land to carry out future transport improvement projects. As part of the recent Emerging Options stage Local Plan consultation process, comments were sought on existing and potential highway improvement schemes/Lines (See <https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/sec/local-plan>)

The Emerging Options Local Plan document notes that the existing road network of radial and orbital routes has developed with the growth of the city over time and there remains some gaps in this network that if addressed could potentially improve the efficiency of the network as a whole. The current levels of traffic and congestion on Narborough Road/Upperton Road and at Middleton Street/Aylestone Village highlight the challenges to the road network in this part of the city. The new local plan could identify land required to be protected to construct future schemes to improve the road network.

The longstanding Evesham Road link highway improvement scheme/lines currently identify the land required for a potential future road and bridge connecting Saffron Lane/Aylestone Road and Narborough Road via Boundary Road and edge of Faircharm Industrial Estate/Evesham Road. The improvement scheme/lines are currently declared in local land charge searches for those purchasing land and property that could be affected.

There are currently no detailed road/bridge designs prepared or funding identified to deliver the scheme.

The next stage of the Local Plan is expected to be published later this year and will include draft proposals, including any highway improvement schemes/ lines that the council considers appropriate following further investigation and review. Further public consultation will be carried out at that stage. Subsequently the Local Plan will be considered by an independent Planning Inspector at an Examination in Public.

The proposed highway improvement scheme at Putney Road is a standalone project requiring its own technical justification. It is not dependant on, and would not in itself help to justify the provision of, a future road and bridge link at Evesham Road.