

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject: Mayor’s Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund – Romiley District Centre Improvements: Junction of Sandy Lane with Compstall Road / Revised Layout**

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**Report to:** (a) Werneth Area Committee **Date:** Monday, 29 November 2021  
(b) Cabinet Member (Economy & Regeneration)

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**Report of:** (b) Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

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**Key Decision:** (c) **NO / ~~YES~~** (Please circle)

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Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency  (Tick box)

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**Summary:**

This report provides details of the revised scheme for the junction of Sandy Lane with Compstall Road. The revised scheme proposes that the previously approved roundabout is omitted and the junction remains as a priority junction. The report seeks a recommendation that the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) approves the revised layout.

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**Recommendation(s):**

Members are requested to consider the contents of the report, and to recommend that the Cabinet Member (Economy & Regeneration) approves the revised proposals shown on the drawing listed in Appendix A

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**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): (d)  
Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

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**Background Papers** (if report for publication): (e)

Werneth Area Committee Reports (Monday 08/03/21 & Monday 02/08/21)

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**‘Urgent Business’:** (f) **~~YES~~ / NO** (please circle)

**Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as ‘urgent business’ and the decision exempted from ‘call-in’ for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as ‘urgent business’ was obtained on \_\_\_\_\_ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

Werneth Area Committee Meeting  
Cabinet Member (Economy & Regeneration)

Date: Monday, 29 November 2021

**Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund – Romiley District Centre Improvements: Junction of Sandy Lane with Compstall Road / Revised Layout**

**Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report is to update the Committee on the development of the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund – Romiley District Centre Improvements and to seek approval to the revised proposals shown on the drawing listed in Appendix A.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 This report follows on from the previous reports 'Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund – Romiley District Centre Improvements' submitted to Werneth Area Committee on Monday, 8 March 2021 and 'Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders Romiley District Centre' submitted to Werneth Area Committee on Monday, 2 August 2021, which both reports were considered by Members and subsequently approved by the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration).
- 2.2 Work has started on a Greater Manchester wide programme to make journeys on foot or by bike easier and more attractive. Greater Manchester's Cycling and Walking Commissioner has unveiled an innovative new plan to create a city region wide cycling and walking network that includes Stockport. The Bee Network will consist of more than 1800 miles of routes and will be the largest joined up system of walking and cycling routes in the UK.
- 2.3 In support of this ambition, the Mayor of Greater Manchester has allocated £160 million to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund. This has been made possible thanks to the national government's Transforming Cities Fund, which is investing in public and sustainable transport to improve productivity and spread prosperity. In Stockport a number of schemes have been developed one of which is the Romiley District Centre Improvements.
- 2.4 A report was presented to Werneth Area Committee, dated Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, and it recommended that the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) approves the scheme. The report included details of the scheme for the junction of Sandy Lane with Compstall Road, which showed a roundabout. The layout of the roundabout is shown in Appendix A.
- 2.5 During the development of the Romiley Crossings package, traffic surveys could not be undertaken due to the COVID19 pandemic which greatly reduced and changed traffic and travel patterns for a long period. Traffic surveys have now been undertaken and this has been used to traffic model the existing and proposed junction arrangements. The surveys show relatively low flows on Central Drive which are likely to divert to this junction when the approved one way (northbound) TRO is implemented.

- 2.6 Traffic modelling of the junction shows that, whilst it does improve the exit from Sandy Lane, the roundabout introduces some delays to eastbound traffic which now gives way to traffic turning right from Compstall Road to Sandy Lane. Modelling the diverted traffic through the existing priority junction does not have a significant impact on capacity or queues at the Sandy Lane junction. Traffic flows and traffic modelling results are summarised in Appendix B.
- 2.7 The traffic modelling is used to inform the economic analysis of the scheme. This requires the cost of the modified roundabout junction to be justified in terms of improved operational performance over the existing layout. Unfortunately the change in junction performance is not sufficient to warrant the cost of the roundabout such that it makes the overall Crossing Package for Romiley unviable.

### **3. REVISED PROPOSAL**

The revised scheme proposes that the Sandy Lane / Compstall Road junction remains as a priority junction but that it includes the widening of the carriageway on the west side of Sandy Lane to allow for the refuge to be widened to 2.4m. This will allow for the high volumes of pedestrians who cross the junction to the primary school to do so more safely. The revised layout is shown in Appendix A.

### **4. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS**

A roundabout was considered for the junction of Sandy Lane with Compstall Road.

### **5. CONSULTATION**

A consultation exercise has not been carried out for the revised layout. We do not consider that this change needs a re-consultation as the extent of carriageway widening now proposed is less than that consulted over, and the junction operation remains as it is now.

### **6. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

#### **7.1 Equal Opportunities**

- To provide a suitable and safer environment for pedestrians and other road users. The scheme contributes to the Council's vision statement "Promote equal life outcomes for all by tackling known inequalities across the borough of Stockport".

#### **7.2 Sustainable Environment**

- To develop and sustain a healthy, safe and attractive local environment which contributes to Stockport. Stockport Council understands the responsibility it has to lead by example and help the broader community make a positive contribution to the local environment.

### **7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Area Committee is asked to consider this report and recommend that the Cabinet Member (Economy & Regeneration) approves the implementation of the revised layout shown on the drawing listed in Appendix C.

## **Background Papers**

Anyone wishing further information please contact Nick Whelan on telephone number Tel: 07800 618251 or by email on [nick.whelan@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:nick.whelan@stockport.gov.uk)

## **Appendix A – Drawings**

- 1) F 0824-000-013 REV B (Roundabout)
- 2) F 0824-000-013 REV C (Priority Junction)

## **Appendix B – Document**

Summary of traffic flows and traffic modelling results for Sandy Lane junction