

Thornton Corridor Study

Short Term Action Plan Update – December 2017

1.0 Background & Introduction

This report provides an update on the short term action plan which has been developed from the Thornton Corridor Study. The Short Term Action Plan was presented in a document produced and widely circulated in July 2017. This update provides an outline of the work we have done, work we are doing and work we are planning to do.

2.0 Action Plan Update

The short term action plan was developed in June/July 2017 and work has been going on since that time. We have made significant progress on a number of areas as follows:

- Edgemoor Drive / Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway – Consultation with residents has been undertaken and the results analysed. The closure of Edgemoor Drive was the most popular option. The way forward has been agreed with Cabinet Member and Ward Councillors in line with the results of the Consultation. The process needed to legally close the road on a temporary basis has been started.
- Ince Road & Southport Road - consultation options have been developed and agreed, consultation packages have been developed and are now ready for distribution in December.
- Moor Lane / Chesterfield Road Junction traffic signals – work to gather data on the junction has been done and the necessary briefings are now taking place to progress the work.

We have also reviewed the potential to modify the existing yellow box markings at Virgins Lane / Edge Lane / Green Lane junction. However, if the existing markings were modified this would make the markings 'non-standard' and as such they would then not be enforceable so it has been decided to leave them as they are. However further monitoring of this junction is ongoing relating to the potential for introducing yellow box markings on the north bound side of the junction.

2.1 Completed work:

July / August 2017

- **Moor Lane / Chesterfield Road Junction:** Survey of pedestrian movement completed in *July 2017*
- **Edgemoor Drive / Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway:** Public consultation – undertaken - *July /August - 2017*



September / October 2017

- **Moor Lane / Chesterfield Road Junction:** Signal timings data analysed in October 2017
- **Edgemoor Drive / Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway:** Analysis of results and compilation of report - *September 2017*
- **Edgemoor Drive / Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway:** Develop proposals following public consultation review for discussion with Cabinet and Ward Members – *September 2017*
- **Ince Road – proposed traffic calming measures:** Consultation options developed – *October 2017* - Slippage of this project from August 2017 to September/October was due to a high volume of work and limited staff resources.
- **Southport Road** - proposed closure of Southport Road from Park View and improvements to the turning head: Consultation options developed – *October 2017* - Slippage of this project from August 2017 to September/October was due to a high volume of work and limited staff resources.

2.2 Ongoing work:

November / December 2017

- **Edgemoor Drive / Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway:** Cabinet Member and Ward Councillor briefings complete - *October/November 2017*
- **Moor Lane / Chesterfield Road Junction:** Data on bus activation of the bus priority function proved difficult to acquire, an alternative process is currently being tested - *November/December 2017*
- **Ince Road** – proposed traffic calming measures: Consultation package developed – *November 2017* -
- **Southport Road** - proposed closure of Southport Road from Park View and improvements to the turning head: Consultation package developed – *November 2017*
- **Moor Lane / Chesterfield Road Junction:** Proposed amendments to the traffic signal timings currently being assessed –*December 2017*
- **Moor Lane / Chesterfield Road Junction:** Analysis of the bus loop currently being undertaken in *December 2017*
- **Ince Road** – proposed traffic calming measures: Consultation out to residents – *December 2017* - Slippage of this project from September/October 2017 to November / December was due to a high volume of work and limited staff resources.
- **Moor Lane / Chesterfield Road Junction:** Internal officer consultation ongoing –*December 2017*
- **Edgemoor Drive / Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway:** Process commenced to secure the approval of the Traffic Regulation Order needed to close Edgemoor Drive – *November / December 2017*
- **Edgemoor Drive / Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway:** Pre closure traffic surveys commenced in the area – *November / December 2017*



- **Southport Road** - proposed closure of Southport Road from Park View and improvements to the turning head: Consultation out to residents – *December 2017* - Slippage of this project from September/ October 2017 to November / December was due to a high volume of work and limited staff resources.
- **Virgins Lane / Edge Lane / Moor Lane / Quarry Road and Ince Road / Green Lane / Quarry Lane Junctions:** Northbound carriageway currently being monitored at peak time and during the weekend by traffic signal cameras to determine the potential value of yellow box markings – *December 2017*

2.3 Future Work:

January-March 2018

- **Quarry Road / Park View / Virgins Lane / Ince Road Junction :** Investigations into providing Quarry Road and Park View with more green time will be carried out. This may prove to be more difficult than anticipated as this junction is linked to the Edge Lane junction and any amendments to Green Lane will need to be assessed in terms of the impact on Edge Lane. The impact of the Edgemoor Drive closure will also need to be assessed especially if any changes to the Edge Lane timings are required. Work to start on this in **February / March 2018**. Slippage of this project from August 2017 is due to the decision to temporarily close Edgemoor Drive, as any work here would need to be done after the closure.
- **Moor Lane / Chesterfield Road Junction:** Chesterfield Road junction works will be completed before end of January 2018 to tie in with temporary closure of Edgemoor Drive – subject to the legal order being agreed.
- **Brooms Cross Roundabout** - Undertake trial to improve circularity traffic flows. Work will be started on this in the New Year. Slippage of this project from July 2017 to the New Year is due to a high volume of work and limited staff resources.
- **Virgins Lane, Edge Lane, Green Lane Junction:** Investigation of non-standard traffic signs regarding entering the yellow box markings in the New Year.
- **Edgemoor Drive / Thornfield Road and Ronaldsway:** Temporary 3 month closure (subject to necessary legal order being approved)

3.0 Future Updates

A further update on the Short Term Action Plan will be made in **July 2018**. As progress is made on the actions contained within the plan, the webpage will be kept up to date www.sefton.gov.uk/thorntoncorridor. If you wish to receive updates directly to your email inbox please contact transport.planning@sefton.gov.uk with your email address.

