

# Thornton Corridor Study – Short Term Action Plan Update

July 2018

## 1.0 Introduction

This report provides an update on the Thornton Corridor Study - Short Term Action Plan which was developed from the Thornton Corridor Study. The Short Term Action Plan was presented in a document produced and widely circulated in July 2017.

## 2.0 Edgemoor Drive Closure update

After very careful consideration by Cabinet Member in consultation with the Manor Ward Councillors, the decision has now been taken with regard to the future of Edgemoor Drive. Cabinet Member and the ward councillors have considered the results of the public consultation, traffic monitoring and representations from the local community.

*Cabinet Member has decided to keep the closure of Edgemoor Drive and to make it permanent and that process will now be taken forward.*

There is a formal legal process which will now need to be followed in order to make the closure permanent. This is by a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit driving, which will be advertised in the local paper and online. There is then a period during which people can object. If there are no objections then the closure will be made permanent. If there are objections then they would be considered by the Council's Licensing and Regulatory committee. Until this work is complete the road will remain closed and the temporary barriers will remain in place.

The reports associated with this work are available on-line at [www.sefton.gov.uk/thorntoncorridor](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/thorntoncorridor).

## 3.0 The Crescent

A Traffic Regulation Order has been put in place to make The Crescent one way in the direction from Thornfield Road / Edge Lane, towards Moor Lane only. Works to manage the traffic using the Crescent will include narrowing the entrance and exit to the Crescent and the installation of a speed table on the bend in the service road. The existing parking bays will be retained. It is anticipated this arrangement will provide improved safety and free up some capacity on Moor Lane due to vehicles turning right into The Crescent blocking the right turn lane into Edge Lane. It is anticipated this work will be undertaken in the summer.

## 4.0 Southport Road / Ince Road Results of Consultation

The results of the Southport Road / Ince Road consultation have been analysed and reported to Cabinet Member and Ward Members and are available on the website [www.sefton.gov.uk/thorntoncorridor](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/thorntoncorridor). The results from the public consultation show that the majority of respondents were in favour of Option A – Traffic Calming on Ince Road, Brook Road, Virgins Lane and Southport Road. However, not all the roads



included in the proposed traffic calming scheme were in favour. Therefore, it is proposed to develop a traffic calming scheme which includes only those roads that expressed a majority preference in favour of traffic calming – Ince Road and Southport Road. This proposal will be taken forward and the details of the scheme will be reported to the next Licensing and Regulation Committee in September.

### **5.0 Broom's Cross Roundabout Improvements to traffic flow**

In order to improve the traffic flow we will be making improvements to the circulatory flow around the roundabout. This will include changes to road markings. It is anticipated this work will be done in the autumn of 2018.

### **6.0 Edge Lane / Moor Lane / Virgins Lane / Quarry Road pedestrian improvements at junction**

This junction will be improved for pedestrians and a number of different options are currently being considered:

- Look left and look right markings on the road
- Coloured surfaces on pedestrian crossing desire lines
- Count down signal head for pedestrians
- Variable Message Sign advising drivers to slow on the approach to the junction – for operation during peak crossing times

### **7.0 Green Lane / Park View / Ince Road / Quarry Road pedestrian improvements at junction**

This junction does not currently have a pedestrian crossing phase. Investigations are underway to assess the feasibility of installing a pedestrian crossing at this junction. If this is feasible to do so, then the works are likely to include new tactile paving, push buttons and green man / red man signals. Should our investigations prove this is feasible the work will undertaken in the new year.

### **8.0 Buckley Hill Lane / Edge Lane / Gorsey Lane Junction improvements**

As part of the project to improve traffic conditions on the A565 through Thornton, it is proposed to upgrade the junctions on the B5422 Buckley Hill Lane, to provide extra capacity in this adjacent corridor.

These improvements together with improved interaction of the 3 signal controlled junctions along the B5422 will provide an alternative route along the A5758 and B5422, with faster journey times than the existing route from Thornton along the A565 and Edge Lane, diverting traffic away from Thornton. This will provide relief to the junction on the A565/ Edge Lane in Thornton. This reduction in traffic using the existing route will provide the opportunity to reconfigure the signals at the A565 / Edge Lane junction to further increase capacity at this junction.



## 9.0 Edge Lane minor road keep clear markings

'Keep Clear' road markings will be installed at the junctions with Edge Lane and the following roads:

- Ronaldsway
- Larchfield Road
- Edge Lane Service Road

This work will be undertaken over the Summer.

## 10.0 Further traffic monitoring – Edge Lane Service Road and Whinfield Road

We will be undertaking further traffic monitoring on Edge Lane Service Road and Whinfield Road to better understand any changes to traffic flows since the closure of Edgemoor Drive to vehicles. This will be carried out after the summer holidays, during school term time.

### For more information

For more information on the Thornton Corridor Study please contact [transport.planning@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:transport.planning@sefton.gov.uk) or visit our website [www.sefton.gov.uk/thorntoncorridor](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/thorntoncorridor)

