

Planning Application 2018/0965.

Dodworth Road / Broadway / Pogmoor Road junction/ Penny Pie Park: Gyrotary proposals

Barnsley Civic Trust wishes to make a formal objection to the current proposals to construct a traffic gyrotary system at the junction of Broadway, Dodworth Road and Pogmoor Road.

The proposals would see much of Penny Pie Park lost and a three-lane road encircling a substantial part of the remaining greenspace.

We are not convinced from the available evidence that the proposals would solve the existing traffic congestion. The perceived benefits do not outweigh the level of harm resulting from the proposals.

In addition there has not been sufficient community consultation before the planning application is to be determined.

In our view there needs to be consideration of wider traffic network management issues and potential solutions across Barnsley. This should be with the involvement of the public.

Our reasons for objecting to the proposals are:

- A valuable, much appreciated and well-used green space is fragmented and reduced in size; the traffic next to a residual part of the park will affect park users with pollution and noise.
- Potential park users will be deterred and the opportunities for recreational activities in the green space will be significantly reduced.
- The mitigation suggested for reducing the level of harm is not sufficient: there are no steps put forward to replace the green space removed in the proposals. The current suggestions seem to be mainly relocating existing facilities to a smaller space and minor improvements that could be done anyway.
- The proposals are designed to alleviate a problem which is only significant at limited times of the day. Roads from other junctions of the M1 have similar problems and have not been subject to these sorts of proposals.
- There is insufficient evidence that the proposals would significantly reduce congestion along the A628; some of the congestion would be spread out through stacking on the 'gyrotary'. The single lane route into Barnsley town centre from the proposed 'gyrotary' remains and will be subject to displaced congestion.
- The air pollution overall does not seem to be reduced significantly, albeit relocated.
- The numbers of traffic lights and pedestrian crossings involved would not allow traffic to flow without interruption.
- The consideration of alternatives has not been sufficient; options have not been published in detail, and the options given are limited in their scope. Other alternatives should be considered.
- Previous schemes appear not to have provided the benefits indicated in the proposals.

We suggest that the following are considered:

- A re-assessment of the options A-H with others not considered, together with a wider consultation.
- Promotion of alternative routes in and out of Barnsley town centre and to and from the housing and mixed use development sites.
- Potential changes to the junction with the M1, including a longer slip road and a dedicated exit lane as used elsewhere.
- Potential new junction with M1.
- Alternative sites considered for park and ride, not just at Dodworth.
- Encouragement of alternative modes of transport avoiding unnecessary use of cars, especially commuting to work. This should include
 - Having better –and more frequent - train connections at peak times from Penistone, Silkstone and Dodworth with more parking available at these stations.
 - Potential bus route management measures and the use of different bus routes from the west of Barnsley into town.
 - Promoting car sharing with the provision of car-share laybys.
 - Improved cycling infrastructure.

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