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Sefton Public Engagement and Consultation Panel

Date: Friday 11th March 2022

Title: Proposal to undertake Public Engagement and Consultation Activity – Junction improvement at A59, Kenyon’s Lane

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To receive information with regard to the consultation plans being developed for proposed modifications to the A59 Northway junction with Kenyon’s Lane, Maghull.

2. Background

- 2.1 The main purpose of the Public Engagement and Consultation Panel is to coordinate and ensure the quality of public engagement and consultation, in accordance with the standards for engagement and consultation.

3. Junction Improvement at A59 Northway junction with Kenyon’s Lane, Maghull.

- 3.1 In 2019 a submission was made to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority to seek funding to develop a Business Case for a number of highway improvements on the A59 corridor through Maghull. This was one of the ‘Pipeline projects’ previously shared with Members. LCRCA didn’t approve proposals to develop the entire corridor but did support improvements initially to one of the junctions on the A59, at Liverpool Road North/Dover Road.
- 3.2 As the scheme was delivered under budget, agreement was sought to use extra resources to fund improvements at the junction of the A59 with Damfield Lane. The improvement to Dover Road were completed in May 2020 and Damfield Lane in May 2021. Both schemes have been aimed at improving crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, improving safety and maintaining or improving capacity.
- 3.3 Despite the improvements at both junctions, a number of junctions on the A59 remain difficult for pedestrians to cross and have no provision for cyclists. This is the case at the junction of the A59 with Kenyon’s Lane. The proposed residential development on the site to the north west of the junction will result in addition traffic using the junction. Agreement in principle has been reached with the developer to improve the western side of the junction which will use some land within the development site to facilitate this improvement.
- 3.4 An agreement in principle has been reached with the developer for a financial contribution to the improvements in addition to the transfer of land. The receipt

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of funding and land will be dependent on Planning being secured. The proposals are likely to be considered by Planning Committee in April.

- 3.5 With works programmed for this junction as a result of this development it seemed an opportunity to upgrade the junction in its entirety. In May 2021 an application was made for funding from the DfT Signal Maintenance Fund. This bid was successful and grant of £250k secured for the delivery of signal improvement junction and the junction with Hall Lane. This funding needs to be by expended and claimed by March 2023.
- 3.6 In addition to the from the DfT Signal Fund and the developer's contributions, there is an opportunity to secure CRSTS funds from the KRN pot, for which a Business Case is being developed. An indicative allocation of funding has been identified against the scheme for delivery in year 1 of the settlement, i.e., by March 2023.
- 3.7 A further important strand of work proposed for the A59 corridor is the creation of a cycleway linking existing facilities at Switch Island to the borough boundary. The design of these improvements is seen as one of the elements of work to be delivered using the Capability Revenue Funding allocation, to be expended in 2022/23. From this it is anticipated that funding for the delivery an element of this work will be forthcoming from the Capability Fund capital allocation. The improvements at Kenyon's Lane and at any other junctions need to be developed in the context of the cycle improvements.
- 3.8 It should be noted that in October 2021 a petition with 187 signatures was received, forwarded by a Ward Councillor, asking for a safer pedestrian crossing over the A59, to be introduced.

4. The Consultation Process

- 4.1 A communications plan has been developed which sets out how the engagement will be carried out (see Annex).

In addition to discussion with Ward Councillors the proposals involve the following elements;

- Article on the Council's website with all the material available.
- Information on Twitter and Facebook linking to the website article.
- Letters and plans hand delivered to all the local residents, businesses, local church and school, including using accessible formats.
- Utilisation of Your Sefton Your Say online platform to secure feedback and comments.

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5. Legal Department Comments

5.1 Sefton's Legal Department has considered the consultation plans contained in this report and has no comments to make.

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Public Engagement and Consultation Panel is recommended to:

a) Appraise the public engagement and consultation plan for the proposed junction improvement at A59 Northway and Kenyon's Lane, Maghull

7.0 List of Annexes

Annex	Title
Annex A	Communication Plan

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Annex A - A59 Northway/Kenyon's Lane Communication Plan

A communications plan has been developed to manage the interaction with stakeholders. Further stakeholders may be identified and contact details included as the Plan is developed. The process of updating the communications plan will continue throughout the design / construction process.

The plan will be separated into 3 main stages, 'Design', 'Pre-Commencement on site' and 'During Construction'. The nature of the communication at each stage of the project, the proposed frequency (if applicable) and method of communication will be identified.

The Communications Plan does not include any statutory consultees associated with the notification for road closures and Highway Permits Schemes. These stakeholders will be notified as part of the Road closure and Highway Permits Schemes process.

The outline communications plan is shown in the table below. The intention is to develop this plan in excel format with contact details (names, addresses, contact information) included when known.

Stage	Stakeholder (if known)	Type of Consultation	Method of Consultation	Action
During the Design	Housing Developer	Land purchase negotiation	Direct contact via Planning Contact	SMBC
	Cabinet Member	Advance warning of scheme	Monthly Briefing	SMBC
	Ward Councillors	Advance warning of scheme	Letter	SMBC
	Parish/Town Councillors	Advance warning of scheme	Letter	SMBC
	Emergency Services	Advance warning of scheme	Letter	SMBC
	Statutory Authorities	C4 estimates / diversion requirements	Letter	SMBC
	Shell Garage A59	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Letter and site meeting	SMBC
	Merseytravel	Discussion/agreement on Bus Stop positions	E-mail and Teams meeting	SMBC
	Maghull Town Council	Negotiation/ discussion on the impact of the scheme on the Park	E-mail and Teams meeting	SMBC

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Stage	Stakeholder (if known)	Type of Consultation	Method of Consultation	Action
Pre-Commencement on site	Residents of Kenyon's Lane, Ridgeway Drive, Coronation Road etc,(to west of A59)	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Letter	SMBC
	Residents of Kenyon's Lane, Seymour Drive, Aragon Close etc,(to asst of A59)	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Letter	SMBC
	Wider public notification	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Signage / Social Media / press release	SMBC
	St Thomas C of E Primary School	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Letter	SMBC
	Morton's Diaries	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Letter	SMBC
	Maghull Methodist Church	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Letter	SMBC
	Shell Garage A59	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Letter	SMBC
	Merseytravel	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Letter	SMBC
	Housing Developer	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Letter	SMBC
	Cabinet Member	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Monthly Briefing	SMBC
	Ward Councillors	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Letter	SMBC
	Parish Councillors	Advance Warning (start dates, traffic management etc)	Letter	SMBC

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Stage	Stakeholder (if known)	Type of Consultation	Method of Consultation	Action
During Construction	Residents of Kenyon's Lane, Ridgeway Drive, Coronation Road etc,(to west of A59)	Ongoing consultation by Contractor	Direct	Contractor
	Residents of Kenyon's Lane, Seymour Drive, Aragon Close etc,(to asst of A59)	Ongoing consultation by Contractor	Direct	Contractor
	St Thomas C of E Primary School	Ongoing consultation by Contractor	Direct	Contractor
	Morton's Diaries	Ongoing consultation by Contractor	Direct	Contractor
	Shell Garage A59	Ongoing consultation by Contractor	Direct	Contractor
	Housing Developer (if on site)	Ongoing consultation by Contractor	Direct	Contractor
	Emergency Services	Ongoing progress / updates of road closures	Direct	SMBC
	General Public	Progress / Update	Social Media / press release	SMBC
	Cabinet Member	Progress / Update	Monthly Briefing	SMBC
	Ward Councillors	Progress / Update	Monthly e-mail	SMBC
	Parish Councillors	Progress / Update	Monthly e-mail	SMBC
	Residents of Kenyon's Lane, Seymour Drive, Aragon Close etc,(to asst of A59)	Ongoing consultation by Contractor	Direct	Contractor