

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**15 November 2016**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

**PETITION - B6019 TOWN STREET JUNCTION WHARF ROAD, PINXTON –  
OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED PERMANENT TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
SCHEME**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To consider receipt of a petition and responses received following consultation on the proposed permanent Traffic Signals at the B6019 Town Street junction with Wharf Road, Pinxton.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Town Street, Pinxton forms part of the B6019. Just to the south of Town Street junction with Wharf Road is Brookhill Industrial Estate. As a result, heavy goods vehicles use the B6019 to access the motorway network.

The B6019 Town Street, Wharf Road and Beaufit Lane are subject to existing traffic calming measures in the form of vertical concrete cushions. The collision history on the roads previously mentioned, where the concrete cushions are in place, is good with one slight injury collision recorded at the junction over the last 3 years, from 1 March 2013 to 29 February 2016. This is testimony to the maintained success of the scheme, which was initially introduced following incidents at the crossroads.

Officers have received representations regarding the amount of goods vehicles using the B6019 and the subsequent noise and vibration allegedly generated by goods vehicles travelling over these features.

A variety of other engineering solutions had been considered, but it is felt that measures that, to some degree, force driver compliance are more favourable than options that require a degree of cooperation from motorists themselves to be effective.

Officers looked at this site with a view to removing the current concrete cushions and providing a new traffic calming measure, which did not involve the installation of a raised feature. It is important that this site retained a form of traffic calming to help maintain its relatively good collision history.

Officers were of the opinion that the only suitable solution would be to introduce a permanent Traffic Signal Scheme at the junction of the B6019 Town Street and Wharf Road. The proposed scheme would include the removal of the existing concrete cushions, but would retain a traffic calming feature in the form of permanent Traffic Signals, make improvements to the current junction for vehicles and introduce a pedestrian phase on all four arms of the junction (See Appendix 1 for details).

As a result, a scheme for the introduction of permanent Traffic Signals at the junction of the B6019 Town Street and Wharf Road was included on the approved Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2016-17.

### **Officer Comment**

Formal Consultation on this proposal took place on 17 and 18 August 2016, which included an email to statutory consultees, including Bolsover District Council and emergency services, a letter to affected frontages and a public notice erected on site. The deadline for responses was 2 September 2016.

In summary, 15 responses from members of the public have been received. Officers have interpreted that 9 (60%) of the responses did not support the proposed permanent Traffic Signal Scheme and that 6 (40%) of the responses received were in favour. Some common themes from the feedback forms included the following comments that the proposed scheme:

- Would create access difficulties.
- Would create more noise/air pollution.
- Would increase congestion.

As well as the responses mentioned above, officers have received a petition signed by 44 persons objecting to the proposal to introduce permanent Traffic Signals on the B6019 Town Street junction with Wharf Road, Pinxton. The covering letter states:

*“OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON THE JUNCTION KNOWN AS THE TOLL BAR, PINXTON (B6019)*

*LIST OF PROBLEMS THAT MAY OCCUR BY THE INTRODUCTION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON THE CROSSROADS OF TOWN STREET, KIRKBY LANE, WHARF ROAD AND STATION ROAD (BEAUFIT LANE)*

- 1. The build-up of traffic on all approaches will make it impossible for residents to get into and out to their driveways.*
- 2. It will be detrimental to the shop near the crossroads. In fact, it could be its death as they rely on passing trade.*

3. *It will make it very difficult for Lorries and cars to enter and exit Erewash garage.*
4. *It will also make it difficult for the very large tankers turning into Reader Cement Products on Kirkby Lane.*
5. *It will make it even harder for residents to cross the road. Even now, this is very difficult.*
6. *There will be more vibration from stationary traffic and increased pollution, which even now is very high.*

*A more sensible approach would be the introduction of a box section with painted roundabout in the centre and, importantly, markers in the carriageway on all approaches, along with the usual marker posts and warning notices. This would be implemented after the removal of all the speed humps and the remedial work had been carried out.*

*A longer term solution would be to use the disused railway bridge under the M1. A short road could be constructed onto the industrial estate at Plymouth Road. This work could be carried out with the joint support of Highways Britain, Nottingham CC, Derbyshire CC and the East Midlands Enterprise Board. As well as solving the traffic problems it would create more, much needed employment within Pinxton."*

Officers and the Local Member attended a Pinxton Parish Council meeting on 21 September 2016. The proposed Permanent Traffic Signal scheme was discussed and it was agreed that the proposal be rejected.

Considering the feedback received as part of the consultation, the petition and the rejection of the proposal at the Parish Council meeting, officers are of the opinion to cancel the proposed permanent Traffic Signals on the B6019 Town Street junction Wharf Road, Pinxton and that the existing measures remain in place.

### **Local Member Comment**

Councillor Coyle made the following comments:

*"The Traffic and Safety Service has spent a long time evaluating all of the possible options re the junction. Your professional view, bearing in mind your primary obligation is road safety and the prevention of accidents, is that there are two options. Either proceed with the new traffic light scheme or retain the status quo.*

*The overwhelming view of both the public and the parish council members was to retain the status quo.*

*I fully support that view."*

(3) **Financial Considerations** There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

(4) **Social Value Considerations** The proposed scheme was put forward to address local concerns about noise and vibration from the existing traffic calming measures. Consultation feedback has now identified access, noise, air pollution and congestion concerns with the proposal, and the view of the Parish Council, on balance, has been to reject the proposed scheme.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

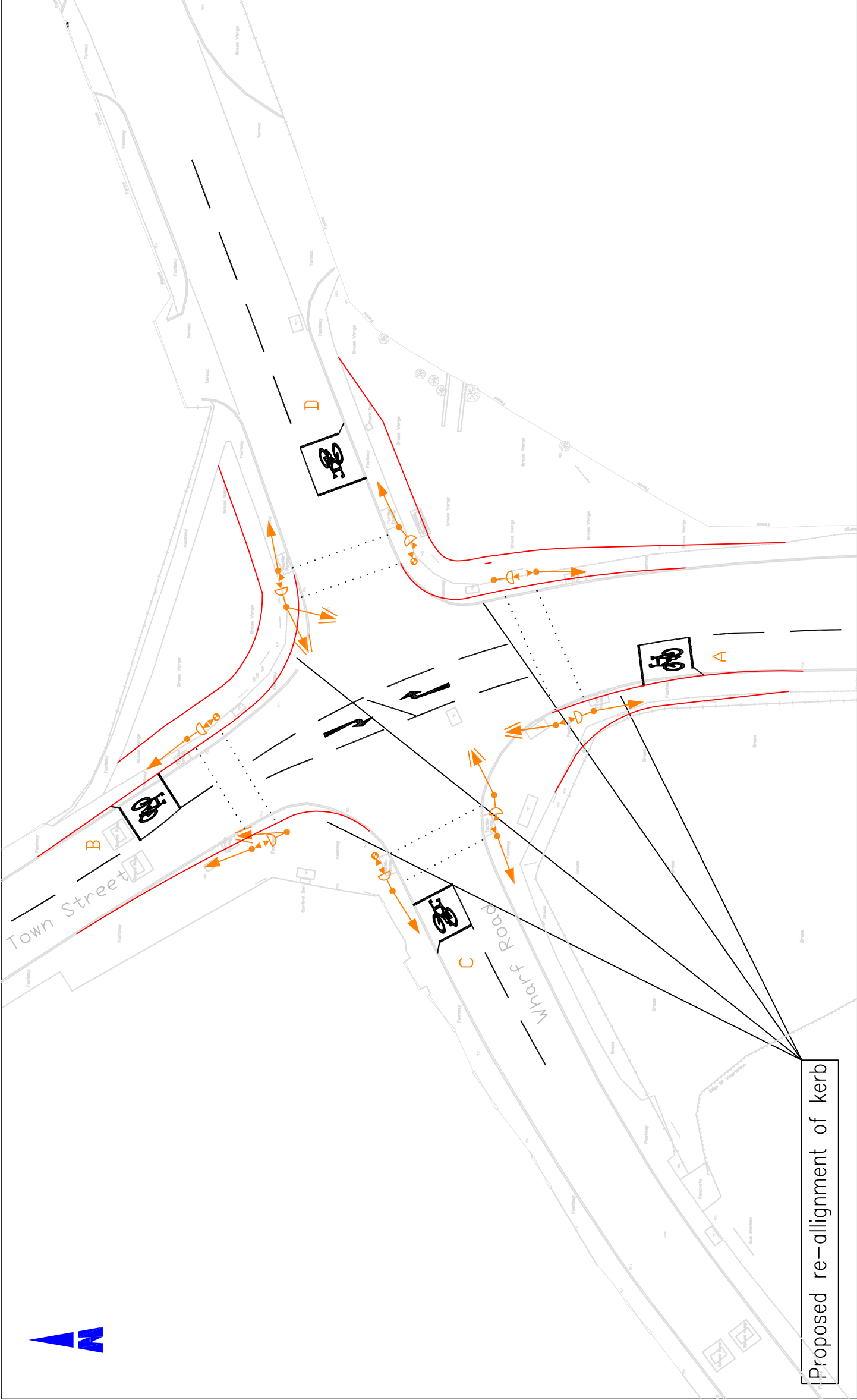
(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details – Lee Wright, extension 38674.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

8.1 The Authority does not proceed with the introduction of the proposed Permanent Traffic Signal Scheme on the B6019 Town Street junction Wharf Road, Pinxton.

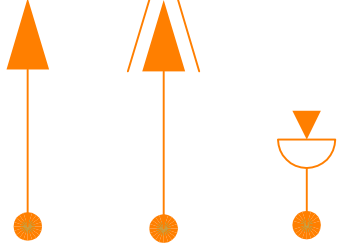
8.2 The Local Member and objectors be notified accordingly.

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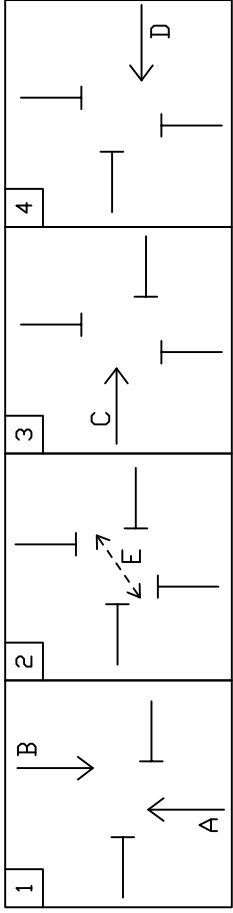


Proposed re-alignment of kerb

Key



Staging Diagram:



Primary Traffic Signal Head

Secondary Traffic Signal Head

Pedestrian push button unit and red man/  
green man indicator

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Wharf Rd, Pinxton

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