

## BATTERY WAY EXTENSION – CONSULTATION SUMMARY

Battery Way Extension falls within the Acocks Green, South Yardley and Springfield Wards. The nine Ward Councillors within these wards were consulted with. In February 2015, 1500 consultation letters and plans were sent out to residents surrounding Battery Way Extension. Letters / e-mails were also sent to the Emergency Services, District Engineers, disabled groups, cycling groups and other stakeholders. A web page was also created for the scheme. In addition, two drop in sessions were organised to allow member of the public to discuss the proposals.

Further local consultation was carried out in June 2016 regarding changes to parking as a result of the scheme. This consultation was sent out to the nine Ward Councillors and to 29 properties.

An overall summary of the responses received from both consultations are given below.

MP / Councillors	Comments	Response
Councillor John O'Shea (Acocks Green)	Should wait and see outcome of planning application for Eaton Works. Weight restrictions should be implemented to prevent HGV's on Olton Boulevard West, Weston Land and Reddings Lane.	Current design for the junction maximises capacity within available land. Planning has been consulted. HGV issue will be investigated further during detailed design.
Councillor Roger Harmer (Acocks Green)	Supports the Battery Way extension scheme but objects to new school proposals	Battery Way support noted. New school proposal is a planning issue.
Councillor Stewart Stacey (Acocks Green)	Will make decision as Cabinet Member for Transport and Roads	None required
Councillor Nawaz Ali (South Yardley)	No reply received	None required
Councillor Zafar Iqbal (South Yardley)	Attended site walkthrough	None required
Councillor Zakar Choudhry (South Yardley)	Attended site walkthrough	None required
Councillor Habib Rehman (Springfield)	Attended site walkthrough	None required
Councillor Shabrana Hussain (Springfield)	No reply received	None required
Councillor Mohammed Fazal (Springfield)	No reply received	None required
Jerry Evans (Former Councillor Springfield)	Welcomes scheme. Need some form of traffic management to ensure traffic does not continue to use Weston Lane	Support Noted. Monitoring after scheme opening will identify traffic routes but it is anticipated more through traffic will use the new road.
John Hemming Former MP Yardley	No reply received	None required
Roger Godsiff MP Hall Green	No reply received	None required.
Key Stakeholder	Comments	Response
West Midlands Fire Service	No reply received	None required
West Midlands Police	No reply received	None required.

West Midlands Ambulance	No reply received	None required.
Access Committee for Birmingham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek confirmation that crossing points are to current standards to enable easy access for wheelchairs users.</li> <li>The footways should be wide enough to enable pushchair / wheelchair users / cyclists to pass without conflict.</li> <li>Street furniture to be highlighted with contrast to assist visually impaired</li> <li>Are there any plans for kerbing to allow easy access to buses?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All dropped crossings will be to current standards</li> <li>Footways will be sufficient width to allow all pedestrian / cyclist / wheelchair movements.</li> <li>All street furniture will be fitted with visibility bands</li> <li>There are no plans for a bus route along this road at present</li> </ul>
Key Stakeholder	Comments	Response
Focus Birmingham	No reply received	None required
Living Streets	No reply received	None required.
Sustrans	No reply received	None required
Pushbikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delighted that cycling has been considered in design</li> <li>Concerned that provision is painted rather than physical protection for cyclists, especially as land is derelict so space should be available</li> <li>Pleased to see that this new road links in to Birmingham Cycling Revolution (BCR) but unclear as to how this will be done. Junction needs to be cycle friendly and not a hostile arrangement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not all land is BCC owned so there are constraints on the site. Cycle lanes will be made as wide as possible within the design.</li> <li>The new junction layout will be passed to the BCR team to allow them to factor this into their new design.</li> </ul>
Cyclist's Touring Club	No reply received	None required
Centro	No reply received	None required
National Express	No reply received	None required
Road Haulage Association	No reply received	None required
Freight Transport Association	No reply received	None required
Assistant Director, Highways and Infrastructure	Supports the scheme	Noted
BCC TRO Services	No reply received	None required
BCC School Crossings	No reply received	None required

A total of 43 responses were received from the public during the consultation.

Number of comments received from	Comments	Response
<b>Overall Summary of consultation from residents / businesses on the overall proposals.</b>		
40 Respondents	Support the scheme	Details below
3 Respondent	Do not support the scheme	Details below
<b>43 Respondents Total</b>		
Number of comments received	Comments	Response
40	<p><b>Support the scheme</b> with very positive comments about how benefits to the community, and easing of congestion around Weston Road. Additional comments were made even though support was given overall for the scheme:</p> <p>Are any improvements planned for Weston Lane as part of these works?</p> <p>How will parking problems be addressed?</p> <p>Parking on grass verges is causing damage to the grass</p>	<p>No alterations to Weston Lane are planned as part of these works, although there will be indirect benefits as a result of the construction of the new road.</p> <p>Traffic Regulation Orders to be reviewed as part of the proposals.</p> <p>To be passed to District Engineer to assess.</p>
3	<p><b>Do not support the scheme.</b> Main reasons for not supporting the scheme:</p> <p>How can we afford this?</p> <p>Parking bay on Redding Lane being reduced will put further pressure on parking in the area and reduce residents parking. Can formalised parking be investigated?</p>	<p>Funded to unlock development to benefit the local economy.</p> <p>Formalised parking to be passed to District Engineer to assess.</p>