

**Weyside Urban Village: G-BUG comments on presentation “Sixth Online Public Exhibition: Our Emerging Proposals, Thursday 22nd October, 2020” by Nigel Burke [info@g-bug.org](mailto:info@g-bug.org)**

Allowing access to motor traffic at southern entrance to site: this will make the SMC at this location less attractive to cyclists and pedestrians, and increase the risk that the SMC through the site will be used as a rat run by cars.

The slide ‘Draft parameter plan – access and movement’ shows the north end of the SMC as ‘bus, employment and gypsy and traveller site access only’, ie it seems only certain vehicles will be allowed through: how will this be achieved? But, essentially, it seems the SMC will not provide a through route for non-bus motor vehicles to Moorfield Road and the Slyfield estate– correct?

Moorfield Road Junction: can you confirm that the new pavement running from Moorfield Road up to Jacobs Well Road will be designated as a shared use (cycle/pedestrian) pavement (it isn’t at present, although cyclists use it.)

A25/A3 junctions: the proposed improvements here for cyclists here will be welcome ie better cycle path and reduced delays at crossings.

- Option 2 would appear to be best for cyclists (one crossing rather than two.)
- The plans only show South of the A3: please confirm your plans include a good cycle path (probably shared use pavement) from the Woking Road exit from the site across the Wey bridge and under the A3.

What happens to the existing shared use pavement on the western side of these plans?

Slide ‘Cycle Network Improvements’:

- New cycle/pedestrian bridge over the Wey: it is good to see this being included as a definite proposal. This bridge should be shown, even if just schematically in the other parts of the presentation so that planning is ‘joined up’.
- The new development will increase cycle traffic on the Eastern side of the river, and it would thus seem a necessity that the existing Wey towpath from Bowers Lane to A320 Woking Road and NCN223 through Riverside Park from Bowers Lane to Spectrum must be improved with an appropriate all weather surface. We appreciate discussions are ongoing with NT about the towpath. Has SCC/GBC been approached about improving NCN 223 through Riverside Park, and the connection to it from the new bridge. (This is shown as a straight dashed line across the boggy nature reserve.)
- The new crossing of the A320 will be essential to join up the two parts of the towpath east and west of the road.
- Can you confirm that the new riverside path on the west bank will be for cyclists as well as pedestrians: the later slides about the path seem to refer only to pedestrians.

SANG: the new SANG, and the proposals for a cycle path through it, look good. It’s not clear from the SANG slide precisely where the cycle route is: is it the same as the orange circular route shown on the SANG slide, or is it something else? Also, pedestrian crossings are shown over Clay Lane: these are presumably for cyclists as well, and cyclists will have access to the SANG North of Clay Lane?

Pump House: you are probably aware of the Guildford Bike Project whose workshop is currently in the Woking Road Depot: could this be relocated to the Pump House.



Little is said about the wider cycle connections outside the Village. It cannot be emphasised enough that claims that there will be a significant modal shift to cycling away from cars will not be credible unless there are good safe end to end cycle routes to key locations such as to the station, town centre, Hospital, University, Burpham Sainsbury's/Aldi etc. The developers should be required to contribute funding for necessary improvements. Examples include the improvements to the towpath and NCN223 mentioned above, the piecemeal nature of the proposed cycle routes on either side of Ladymead, providing a link along Stoke Road to join with the College Link+ at Guildford College, and pressing ahead with the one way trial on Woodbridge Meadows/Walnut tree Close.

NB In future, could you please number the slides so that it is easier to refer to them. Also, in addition to the video, could you also post the original slide pack: it's quite difficult to search the video for a particular slide.

