

Briefing Note: 08/10/2015

**Junction Improvement:
Beckenham High Street / Rectory Road / Albemarle Road.**

The latest situation is as follows:

The designs for the junction are complete; this includes the designs for the signals ducting, drainage/levels, lines and signs as well as the layout of the junction. These designs have been approved by TfL (approval was required because the scheme is part of the Strategic Route Network).

However, the issue with Virgin Media is still to be resolved. As reported at the last Working Group, Virgin Media have installed these new cables in the footway, however, Virgin dispute the fact they are not to the required depth and have refused to move them unless they are paid to do so. LBB is investigating legal methods but this is causing additional delay.

The result is that the works cannot now be completed prior to the December moratorium on works. Therefore, works will probably start on the junction in late January once the moratorium ceases. However, it is likely that some advance/accommodation works can be done before Christmas. These works do not affect the existing carriageway so no traffic management will be required, and by getting these elements of the works done early, it will help speed works up when they do eventually start.

One advantage of the delay is that when the works are carried out they are likely to be the final works using the permanent materials rather than a temporary surface which would have been replaced as part of the Major Scheme. This is dependent on the palette of materials being finalised (see item 5 on the agenda), but will result in less disruption overall.

Once started, the likely order of works remains as shown in the previous update

- Construct a new retaining wall and reset kerbing to create a new footway outside O'Neil's (arm 1)
- Increase the carriageway width here (arm 1)
- Move pedestrian refuges and alter the carriageway layout moving the road crown. This alteration will also improve left turning space for larger vehicles from Rectory Road.
- Alter the refuges in Albemarle Road (arm 2)
- Remedial works in the other section of the High Street (arm 3)
- Remedial works in Rectory Road (arm 4)

The full programme of works is likely to be 6-8 weeks. Temporary traffic lights will be in place during this period.