

ECS PDS—Written Questions from Members

1) Question from Cllr Tony Owen:

The Crofton Road cycle lane as built differs from the scheme endorsed by the PDS committee at the call-in meeting on 17th December 2018. Please will you list in tabular format:

1. Each amendment to the endorsed scheme
2. The date of the amendment
3. Who designed each change and why was it made
4. Who authorised each change
5. When and where scrutiny of each change took place
6. What public consultation took place in relation to each amendment

Reply:

Changes were made in the light of the comments received at the public consultation events held in September 2019 as follows:

1. Easing of the side road junctions; proposed pedestrian refuge west of the Crofton Lane junction was dropped and replaced with an island; proposed zebra crossing on the west side of the Crofton Avenue/Crofton Road junction was relocated to the east side of the junction and made a parallel crossing (a zebra that includes a segregated crossing for cyclists); refuge in Crofton Lane north of junction with Crofton Road replaced with a parallel crossing; proposed refuge west of Pound Court Drive was dropped; removal of proposed westbound cycle lane between the Station and Newstead Avenue because of potential conflicts with waiting, boarding and alighting passengers replaced with a two-way cycle route on the north side; relocation of the zebra crossing closer to the Station to better serve the high number of uncontrolled crossing movements directly taking place between the Station and Orchard Green. Due to time and to keep within budget the proposed changes at the Ormonde Avenue junction were dropped which was agreed with the Ward Councillors and the Portfolio Holder.
2. The changes following the Exhibition took place between the beginning of October and late November, endorsed at a meeting held with the Portfolio Holder, Ward Councillors and CRA in early December 2019. The Ormonde Avenue change was made in the late Spring this year, endorsed by the Portfolio Holder and Ward Councillors.
3. Waterman, the Council's term design consultant
4. See 2. above.
5. None, this was the process agreed with the Ward Councillors and Portfolio Holder largely driven, as already said, by the comments made at the two public exhibitions.

6. Most amendments were made in response to feedback received at the public exhibitions. It is standard practice to respond to comments from public consultation and then if they are considered minor include them in the delivered scheme without repeated consultations.

2) Question from Cllr Tony Owen:

What written confirmation does the Council possess that the ambulance and fire emergency services endorse the installation of the Crofton Road cycle scheme and the effect on their response times?

Reply:

The Council wrote to the emergency services and shared the plans for the changes to Crofton Road with them but received no response.

3) Question from Cllr Nicky Dykes:

We have undertaken various measures to improve traffic and other issues on Homesdale road such as police speed checks and the soon to be enforced box junction. Another element our residents feel would improve traffic is the introduction of a booking system for the Waldo road tip - building on and improving the one introduced over lockdown. Will the portfolio holder commit to undertaking a review of a booking system at Waldo Road waste site?

Reply:

[A review of the booking system would in my view be a Policy Development Activity that could be undertaken by a sub-group of the ECS PDS committee which in principle you could join](#)

4) Question from Cllr Kieran Terry:

In response to the budget item please can I ask the following question for written reply;

Please provide details of the number of users at each car park in the borough (broken down by car park) and average length of stay for each financial year - 2019/20, 2020/21, as well as 2021/22 to date.

To Follow.

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