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Mayor's Congestion Busting Plan

A multimillion pound project to take decisive action to reduce congestion at the worst bottlenecks in Bedford has been launched by Mayor Dave Hodgson.

Dave Hodgson said "This is the largest ever investment in town centre roads in the history of Bedford. I believe that this plan will cut congestion, improve safety and help boost the local economy."

In preparing this plan various options have been analysed and considered, including the benefits of an extra road bridge over the river. A major in-depth traffic survey demonstrated that significant benefit to tackle congestion was best achieved not through any single project, such as an additional bridge, but by focusing on the worst traffic hot spots.

Councillor Charles Royden said "This major investment will improve transport in Bedford for everybody, whether you travel by car, public transport, cycle or walk. We will reduce congestion, improve journey times, boost our economy and revitalise our environment, including the air which we breathe."

Look out for a public consultation on the proposals soon.

Traffic Hot Spots Being Tackled

1. Manton Lane / Clapham Road & Great Ouse Way:

Introduction of traffic lights and linking existing Manton Lane lights to control the flow of traffic and reduce congestion. Increasing capacity at Great Ouse Way junction.

2. Ashburnham Road / Shakespeare Road / Bromham Road:

Introducing a traffic light junction to replace the mini roundabouts.

3. Britannia Road / Ampthill Road / Kempston Road:

Traffic light modifications to increase capacity for vehicles.

4. Cow Bridge (Ampthill Road):

Additional pedestrian/cycle bridges over the railway to increase road space and capacity for vehicles.

5. Cauldwell Street / St. John's Street:

Modifications and traffic signal modifications to improve capacity.

6. Ampthill Road Smart Corridor:

Introduction of a 'Smart Corridor' using the latest technology to assess traffic volumes linked to traffic signal controllers to reduce congestion and manage the flow of traffic.

We wish everyone in Brickhill



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

and a peaceful New Year

Bedford Modern footbridge across Manton Lane

Wendy Rider and Charles Royden campaigned to keep the footbridge on Manton Lane. Congestion has increased since its removal.



Brickhill Newsfile



Tyne Crescent resurfacing
- work is well underway.

Charles Royden & Wendy Rider in Tyne Crescent

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has signed a petition and responded to the government consultation on the future of Bedford's Intercity trains.

Avon Drive recycling banks



Wendy Rider at the recycling banks. These are to be enlarged shortly with more capacity underground.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Don't forget you can recycle your real Christmas tree at Mowsbury Park (Kimbolton Rd Car Park) from the 30th Dec to 12th January.

After the 12th January, you can still use the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Barkers Lane to recycle trees.

bpha development Mallard Hill/Brickhill Drive garages



Charles Royden & Wendy Rider in Brickhill Drive

Your Lib Dem councillors are continuing to work with local residents, bpha and the Borough to address areas of concern. There was a very useful discussion at the November meeting of Brickhill Parish Council. For more information see PuttingBrickhillFirst.com or www.Facebook.com/BrickhillFocus.

Lib Dem Victory for Clamp Down on Cold Calling

The government have accepted Liberal Democrat proposals to clamp down on telephone cold calling.

The changes will see tough new regulations on claims management companies who undertake cold calling. A third of private phone calls in the UK are now cold calls, a colossal 2.6 million every month. This is a 180% increase in just ten months.

Councillor Charles Royden said "Cold calling is not merely annoying, it can lead to many vulnerable people signing up for things they don't want, don't need and can't afford. I am delighted that the government has accepted Lib Dem proposals in parliament on this issue."



To opt out of unsolicited sales or marketing calls to your telephone (landlines and mobiles) sign up with the Telephone Preference Service www.tpsonline.org.uk. If you have a mobile, alternatively you can text 'TPS' and your email address to 85095 to opt out of unsolicited sales and marketing calls.

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FOCUS Team Advice Surgeries

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Local Brickhill surgeries

Avon Drive shops: 10am, Saturdays 9th Dec & 6th Jan
Brickhill Drive shops: 10am, Saturdays 23rd Dec & 20th Jan.



Cllrs Mark Fitzpatrick, Wendy Rider & Charles Royden

Bedford Central Library
Every Saturday, 11am-12noon.

Mayor Dave Hodgson's Surgeries

Second Tuesday every month 4pm-6pm at Borough Hall
For an appointment ring 718620

187 New Classrooms Built So Far!

Good News



Scores of new permanent classrooms have been built in this massive project investing in local education

The incredible classroom building project spearheaded by Mayor Dave Hodgson has taken another big leap forward.

For many years local schools and their pupils have had to put up with temporary "mobile" classrooms. However, under the leadership of Dave Hodgson and the local Lib Dems this is becoming a thing of the past. Across Bedford Borough 61 temporary classrooms have already been replaced with new permanent buildings. On top of this many new classrooms have been built for the two tier change and to create extra capacity for the growing numbers of pupils. There have been 6 new schools opened as well since 2012 which are not included in these figures!

Councillor Wendy Rider said "In the past when the Tories ran the council the temporary buildings were allowed to become commonplace. Now we are overturning that and getting them all replaced and making sure we build extra permanent classrooms as well as new schools for the growing number of pupils locally."

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