

**Proposed Decision to be taken by the
Deputy Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning
on or after 20th December 2013**

Rugby Gytratory Improvement Scheme

Recommendations

That, subject to the Department for Transport making an offer of Local Pinch Point Funding for this scheme:

- 1) The Deputy Leader approves the addition of the Rugby Gytratory Improvement Scheme to the Capital Programme, at an estimated cost of £1.455 million; and
- 2) The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves the virement of £455,000 to this scheme from funds no longer required for Stratford Parkway within the Transport Capital Programme.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 On 27 September 2013, the Secretary of State for Transport invited local authorities to bid for Local Pinch Point Funding (LPPF) (Tranche 4) for transport schemes which can be implemented quickly to remove bottlenecks on the local highway network. The deadline date for submission of bids was 31 October 2013.
- 1.2 The County Council submitted a bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) on the above deadline date for capital funding to make major improvements to the Warwick Street Gytratory in Rugby.
- 1.3 The rules governing Tranche 4 bids require schemes to be delivered in 2013/14 or 2014/15. There must also be a local funding contribution of at least 30% towards total scheme costs which are estimated at £1.455 million. This local contribution can be made up of both local authority and third party funding.
- 1.4 If the bid is successful, a local contribution of £455,000 would be required from funds no longer required for Stratford Parkway within the Transport Capital Programme to complement the offer of a DfT funding contribution of £1 million. There is no other third party funding available.

- 1.5 The scheme would then need to be delivered during the financial year 2014/15 which is the final period when the DfT's funding contribution in the form of capital would be available.
- 1.6 As the period of time available to prepare and submit the bid was very short, it was not possible to obtain formal approval from the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning to do so.
- 1.7 However, the Portfolio Holder was aware and supportive of the bid and it was recognised that by submitting it to DfT, there was no commitment to incur any costs without approval.

2.0 Proposed Scheme

- 2.1 The proposed scheme comprises improvements to the Warwick Street Gyratory in Rugby and is a key proposal in the Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026.
- 2.2 The scheme is designed to address existing traffic congestion problems at a key interchange point in the town and also to accommodate significant future housing and employment growth.
- 2.3 The scheme is supported by a wide range of organisations including the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Rugby Borough Council, Stagecoach Warwickshire, Rugby First and Sustrans.
- 2.4 The scheme comprises the following:-
 - (a) New traffic signals on the A428 Lawrence Sheriff Street, A426 Dunchurch Road and B4642 Bilton Road approaches to the Gyratory and on the circulatory carriageway to better manage traffic flow;
 - (b) Provision of additional lanes on the circulatory carriageway and on the A426 Dunchurch Road and B4642 Bilton Road approaches to increase vehicle capacity; and
 - (c) Major improvements for pedestrians and cyclists, including a new shared-use foot / cycleway and traffic signal crossing upgrades.
- 2.5 A plan of the proposed scheme is included in **Appendix A**.

3.0 Options and Proposal

- 3.1 The DfT is expected to announce whether the bid has been successful by the end of December 2013. If an offer of Local Pinch Point Funding is received, it is anticipated that the County Council will have only a very short time in which to accept the funding

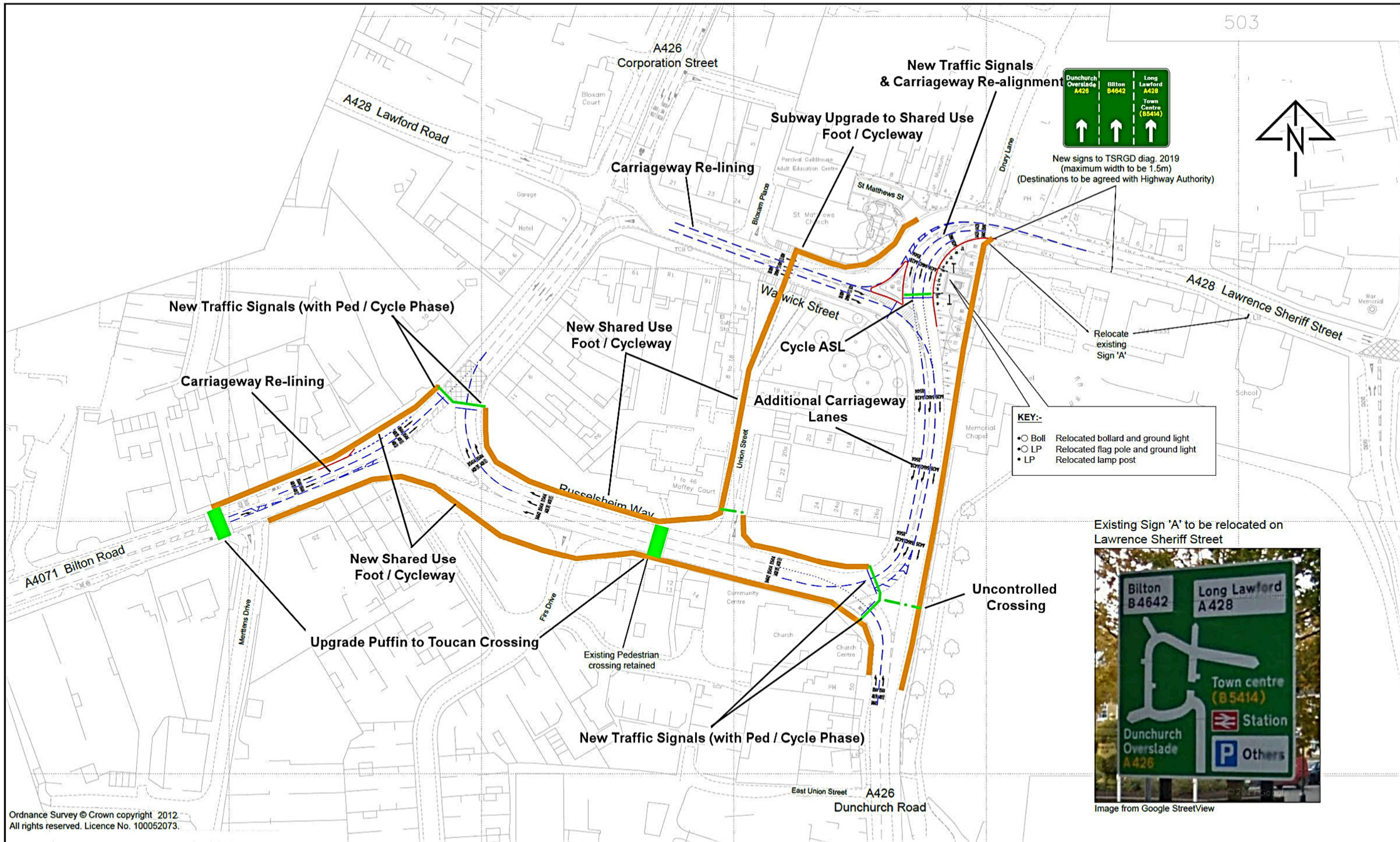
3.2 It is therefore recommended that, subject to an offer of Pinch Point Funding being received:

- a) The Deputy Leader approves that the scheme be added to the Transport Capital Programme at an estimated cost of £1.455 million; and
- b) The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves the virement of £455,000 to this scheme from funds no longer required for Stratford Parkway within the Transport Capital Programme.

Background papers

None.

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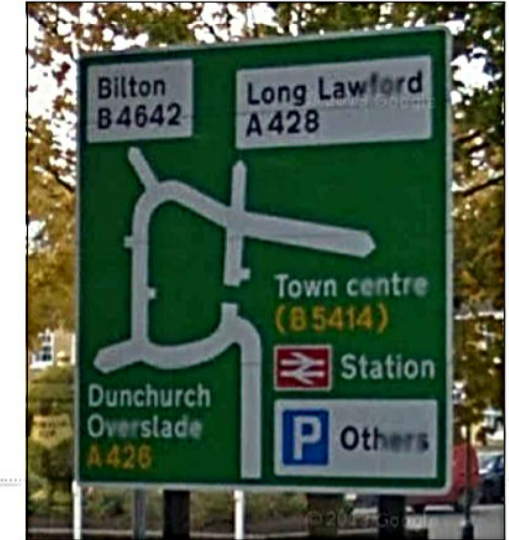


New signs to TSRGD diag. 2019 (maximum width to be 1.5m)
(Destinations to be agreed with Highway Authority)

KEY:-

- Boll Relocated bollard and ground light
- LP Relocated flag pole and ground light
- LP Relocated lamp post

Existing Sign 'A' to be relocated on Lawrence Sheriff Street



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