

OBJECTION (1)



Rugby

Carolyn Burrows, Communities Directorate,
Warwickshire County Council

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Rugby Rail Users Group response to Warwickshire County Council
D3216 Murray Road, Rugby – puffin crossing

Rugby Rail Users Group (RRUG) has objections to the planned puffin crossing and associated changes as it adversely affects rail passengers who use buses to access the station and it also impacts car users who use Rugby Station No.2 Car Park.

At present, rail passengers who leave the station to catch a bus to town have a marked crossing to cross the station approach road and a raised roadway with a centre refuge to cross Murray Road, followed by a short walk to the bus stop.

If the WCC Plan is implemented, the passengers would have to walk up Murray Road and cross it using a new Puffin Crossing and then cross Abbey Street to reach the new bus stop, a longer walk than now. This is the opposite of the integrated transport system which we would all like to see.

Judging from extensive use of the Puffin Crossing in Church Street, there is usually quite a long interval between pressing the button and the signal to cross the road.

Rail users arriving by bus through the tunnel from the North and who at present use the raised roadway and centre refuge to reach the station would face a similar longer walk if the WCC Plan is implemented.

The pedestrian Access Steps to the No.2 Car Park is aligned directly with the raised roadway and centre refuge in Murray Road providing a direct walking route between the Car Park and the Station.

If the WCC Plan is implemented, car owners leaving the Car Park would have to turn left along Murray Road and use the new Puffin Crossing to cross Murray Road and then a longer walk to the Station – it seems unlikely that they will do this.

Safety Issue--Car Park Users

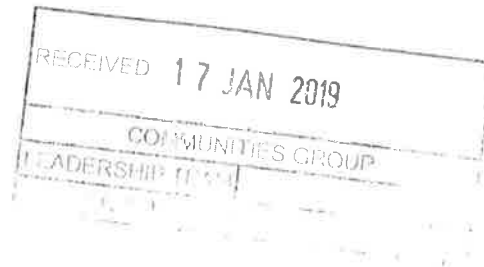
It is considered that, if the WCC Plan is implemented, many drivers leaving their cars in No.2 Car Park will not use the steps onto Murray Road, walk up Murray Road and use the Puffin Crossing to reach the Station. Some might use the road entrance to the Car Park instead of the steps to reach the Puffin Crossing, thereby risking a collision with a car. Other drivers will use the steps, as now, and cross Murray Road without the safety of the existing Raised Platform in Murray Road.

Further concerns from RRUG with the proposed changes are:

- There is no mention of any coordination between the proposed puffin crossing and the traffic lights in the Mill Road tunnel. If the two sets of lights are not coordinated, the traffic could seize up completely.
- Better bus shelters with three sides of protection from the elements should be used for any new/replacement shelters.

OBJECTION (2)

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Dear Carolyn Burrows

D3216 Murray Road, Rugby

Removal of the uncontrolled crossing including the raised platform to provide a level surface and correct height for North bound bus stop

I am writing to object to the removal of the above uncontrolled crossing and the raised platform. This crossing is used by people crossing Murray Road, in both directions, between the No2 Car Park and the Station and also by people walking, in both directions, between the Station and the Southbound Bus Stop in Murray Road.

I can see no justification for WCC to remove this crossing which is very convenient for train passengers and has been in use for many years by thousands of people.

If WCC removed the crossing, people walking to and from the bus stop would have a longer walk and have to cross Abbey Street in addition to Murray Road. Elderly and infirm people would be greatly inconvenienced by having a longer walk.

People walking from the No2 Car Park to the Station would also have a longer walk by having to walk up Murray Road to a new crossing and then down Murray Road to the Station. It is considered that many motorists would avoid this longer walk and cross Murray Road as now, but without the convenience and safety of a crossing.

The present raised crossing acts to slow vehicles travelling along Murray Road towards the tunnel land removal of the crossing will remove this safety feature and make the junction more dangerous.

The raised crossing should not be removed b WCC

I use this crossing much less than in the past as I am now [REDACTED] and have difficulty walking. However, my objection to the removal of this crossing is not only on my behalf but also on behalf of many future users of the crossing who unaware of the WCC closure proposal.

Yours sincerely

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