

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Name of Committee** Warwick Area Committee

**Date of Committee** 22nd November 2005

**Report Title** Lord Leycester Hospital Retaining Wall, Warwick

**Summary** This report updates Members on progress of the scheme and in particular describes the proposed traffic management system during the works.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?** Yes/No

**Background Papers** None

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-** *Details to be specified*

- Other Committees  Warwick Area Committee 13th September 2005
- Local Member(s)  Councillor C K N Browne – I think it is a pity that pedestrians, disabled people and those with prams are getting such a raw deal, with such a clear priority for motorists. I hope the apocryphal Warwick Town Centre Traffic Management Scheme will have greater regard for pedestrians.  
(With brief comments, if appropriate) Councillor Mrs M B Haywood  
Councillor R N Randev – I am not happy with recommendation 2. I am strongly in favour of providing a temporary pedestrian route on the existing carriageway.
- Other Elected Members  .....
- Cabinet Member  .....  
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive  .....

- Legal  I Marriott – agreed.
- Finance  .....
- Other Chief Officers  .....
- District Councils  .....
- Health Authority  .....
- Police  .....
- Other Bodies/Individuals  .....

**FINAL DECISION**                      **YES/NO**      (*If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps*)

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :**

*Details to be specified*

- Further consideration by this Committee  .....
- To Council  .....
- To Cabinet  .....
- To an O & S Committee  .....
- To an Area Committee  .....
- Further Consultation  .....

**Warwick Area Committee – 22nd November 2005**

**Lord Leycester Hospital Retaining Wall, Warwick**

**Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and  
Economic Strategy**

**Recommendation**

That Warwick Area Committee endorses:-

- 1 The proposals for wall repairs including the associated traffic management scheme for the duration of the repair works.
2. The proposal to retain the current pedestrian diversion until repair works are complete rather than impose the traffic management at the earliest possible opportunity to provide a temporary pedestrian route on the existing carriageway.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The old masonry wall separating the Lord Leycester Hospital from the highway is in urgent need of repair.
- 1.2 At the Warwick Area Committee meeting on 13th September 2005 it was resolved:-
  - "(i) That the Warwick Area Committee endorses the proposals for repairs to the wall and asks officers to arrange a site visit for Local Councillors to discuss arrangements for pedestrians.
  - (ii) That there be a further report at the next meeting of the Warwick Area Committee."

**2. Progress**

- 2.1 A meeting was held on site between Councillors Mrs Haywood, Randev and Browne on 21st September 2005. The proposed works were outlined and the signed alternative route for pedestrians was walked. Members expressed their concerns that some pedestrians were still continuing to ignore the diversion signs and endangering themselves by walking in the roadway. It was also noted that the most direct diversion route was not totally suitable for disabled people.

- 2.2 Following the meeting, additional signs were introduced to reinforce the message to pedestrians that they should use the diversion.
- 2.3 The possibility of creating a walkway within the existing scaffolding was examined in detail but was found not to be a realistic option for a number of technical reasons. In addition, the process to design, fabricate and install a suitable support system to replace the existing scaffolding would be very time consuming and could affect the main repair work programme. In any event, such a walkway would not be useable during the remedial works on health and safety grounds.
- 2.4 A further meeting was held between officers and Councillors Randev and Browne when it was agreed that the current diversion route would be maintained with its improved signing, and the pedestrian situation monitored and considered at the next Warwick Area Committee.
- 2.5 The wall has been monitored on a weekly basis to check for further movement and adjustments to the scaffolding supports have been made as necessary. Any accumulated litter and debris has been removed.
- 2.6 Discussions have been held with a number of anchor specialists including those responsible for the anchors installed on the rear boundary wall of the Hospital.
- 2.7 On the Hospital side of the wall, the open gap has been temporarily boarded over to prevent anyone stepping into it and suffering injury. This work was agreed with the Master of the Hospital.
- 2.8 A meeting has been arranged for 15th November to allow local interest groups to be updated on the current situation and to make comments on the proposals. Comments from this meeting will be reported orally.
- 2.9 Further detailed design work has been carried out and County Council geologists have been consulted regarding the properties of the underlying sandstone.
- 2.10 It is expected that discussions will be held with English Heritage regarding the form of the patrix plates (large steel plates on the face of the wall to which the anchors are secured). These will be the main visible element of the scheme.

### **3. Listed Building Consent**

- 3.1 A formal Listed Building Consent Application was made to Warwick District Council (WDC) on 26th September 2005. WDC are undertaking the consultation process after which the application will be referred to the Secretary of State for determination. WDC expect that the application should be sent to the Secretary of State in early November.
- 3.2 Enquiries will be made to establish a likely timescale for comment/approval by the Secretary of State at the time of the submission of the application to Warwick District Council.

## 4. Works Contract

- 4.1 A contract for the works has been prepared and put out to tender. Some variations to the works may be necessary depending upon the comments received from English Heritage or the Secretary of State but it was considered better not to delay the tender process until the formal consent is received. However, physical work on site cannot start without a consent. It is hoped that work on site will be able to start in January 2006.
- 4.2 The currently estimated cost for the works is likely to be of the order of £120,000. However with a high proportion of specialist work involved it is more difficult to predict the cost accurately.
- 4.3 The cost of the works can be met by adjustment to the 2005/06 Bridges Capital Programme.

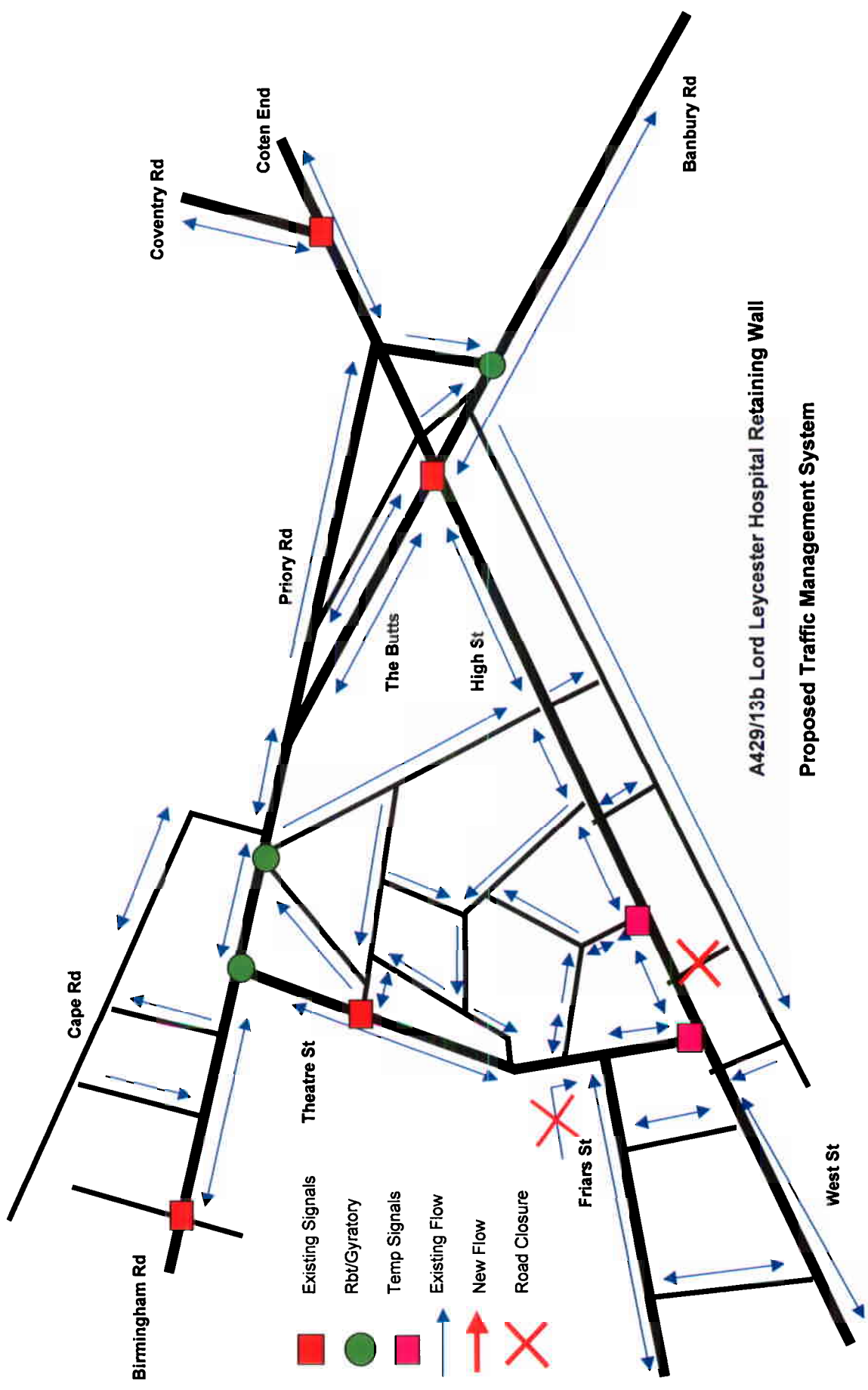
## 5. Traffic Management

- 5.1 Extensive computer modelling has been carried out to determine the most appropriate traffic management scheme while the works are in progress. The scheme will consist of temporary traffic signals outside the Lord Leycester Hospital which will control one way traffic in alternate directions past the Hospital and traffic flows in and out of Bowling Green Street. Right turns from Friars Street into Bowling Green Street will not be allowed and Leycester Place will be closed to vehicles at the Hospital end. The signals will have control units so that timings can be adjusted to suit traffic conditions. A schematic diagram is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 5.2 Work is in progress to prepare the necessary Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders to introduce the system. Other proposed works in the town will be scheduled so as not to clash with this work but there will inevitably be some traffic disruption, particularly when the scheme is first introduced.
- 5.3 In order to address the concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians who choose to ignore the diversion route and walk in the carriageway, there is an option to implement the traffic management scheme at the earliest possible opportunity and use the carriageway space to provide a pedestrian walkway.
- 5.4 Whilst this option would improve conditions for pedestrians, it would mean that the period of traffic disruption would be prolonged and this would be particularly unwelcome in the run-up to Christmas.
- 5.5 It would not be possible to maintain a pedestrian route on the carriageway whilst repair works were in progress and for this period, the alternative pedestrian route would have to be used.
- 5.6 The signing for the pedestrian diversion has been improved and is being closely monitored and repaired as necessary.

5.7 For the above reasons, it is considered that the traffic management scheme should not be introduced until the start of the repair works.

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Proposed Traffic Management System