

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council.

Thank you for your recent request for further information regarding the proposed A60 Park and Ride site at Leapool Roundabout and possible new link road to Bestwood Lodge Drive which has recently featured in the local press following the award of £160m to Nottingham City and Derby City Councils as part of the tranche 2 Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) award from the Government.

If you follow the links below to the Transforming Cities Fund Nottingham City Council website and the strategic outline business case (SOBC) you will find further details of the transforming cities project and its component parts.

<https://www.transportnottingham.com/nottingham-and-derby-receive-161m-for-transport-improvements/>

https://www.transportnottingham.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/SOBC-Derby-Nottingham-TCF2-Final_compressed.pdf

As you will see on the webpages, part of the successful TCF bid is a package of proposed bus priority measures to be designed, planned and delivered by Nottinghamshire County Council. This package includes a proposed bus-based Park and Ride site at the A60 / A614 Leapool roundabout and associated bus priority measures along sections of the A60, Oxclose Lane and Edwards Lane. The A60 Leapool P&R proposal is a long-standing safeguarded transport project of Nottinghamshire County Council and there is also a safeguarded policy for this scheme in the adopted 2018 Gedling Borough Council Local Plan. The City TCF bid has provided the County Council with an opportunity to secure funding to enable this project to move to the next stage in its delivery. It should be stressed that following the award of funding to Nottingham City Council this scheme will now need to be reported to and approved by the County Council's Policy Committee (scheduled for 3rd September 2020), as well as being subject to detailed design considerations, public consultation and all necessary statutory processes including planning permission, land acquisition etc.

I am not able to supply any plans to you at the moment as the necessary design work is still to be undertaken. I can however advise that the County Council is looking to provide the P&R facility on land west of the A60/ A614 roundabout with access taken from this junction. The SOBC (see link above page 95) also shows, for indicative purposes only, a possible future bus link running parallel to and to the west of the A60 linking the proposed Leapool P&R site to Bestwood Lodge Drive and could thereby provide a future route for buses to avoid one of the congested sections of the A60. I should stress that this link would be for buses only where it meets Bestwood Lodge Drive, and is dependent upon future allocations of housing / employment land by Gedling Borough Council in a future Local Plan for the district. The bus link idea does not form part of the TCF award of monies, and is therefore not in any existing outline plans for delivery. I attach for your information a scheme feasibility plan produced by Via East Midlands of the possible future link road. Nothing further has been worked up other than this outline concept plan.

In summary the award of funding now allows the County Council (subject to Committee approvals) and its partners the opportunity to work up the detail and consult with elected politicians and local people and businesses on scheme proposals and options. In the short term it is proposed to provide a P&R site and bus priority measures along the A60 (where it can be fitted), Oxclose Lane and Edwards Lane as mentioned above, such that buses from the A60 P&R gain an advantage over cars, bypass the congestion through Arnold and Daybrook and can also serve the City hospital, in the longer term a dedicated bus link as shown on the aforementioned plan in the SOBC could, subject to future Gedling Local Plan intentions, be considered further.

I hope this information clarifies matters and we look forward to consulting more widely later this year on the Leapool Park and Ride proposal and associated bus priority measures on the A60, Oxclose Lane and Edwards Lane.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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