Subject: RE: Selly Oak Triangle **From:** Councillor Karen McCarthy

Date: 20/11/16 19:57

To: robert

Dear Robert,

Thank you for the reminder on this. I am not sure from your comments whether you are aware that this is not a stand-alone scheme but the final phase of the Selly Oak New Roads scheme which began in order to allow the move of the hospital from Selly Oak to the new OE.

This phase completes the new layout that will send through traffic round the new roads in both directions. Elements that have had to wait for this include the 20mph limit on the Bristol Road from Chapel Lane to the University as well as enhancements to that stretch to make it more of a shopping area and less of a through road. Residents were keen that this should not be actioned until the new roads were complete, and put this view forward strongly in previous consultations. I am sure you are also aware that the area is a major regeneration area for the whole city, with the new retail park and life sciences development on the battery site.

There are also schemes to reduce rat running on Gibbins and Reservoir Roads using Safer Routes to School and other funding. There is also work being done on a Green Travel Area.

The stretch of the Bristol Road from Chapel Lane to Oak Tree Lane is a problem and has been since the existing Sainsburys was built. It then suited the owners of the land opposite to let the shops decline to the point where consent would be given for a student hall of residence. I know that this consultation has flagged up possible changes to crossings and bus stops from residents in the area.

We can't get away from the fact that Selly Oak is the junction of two major routes, the Bristol Rd and the Outer Circle, but we can continue to use our good rail and bus links and the cycle routes which run through the area to encourage people to use them.

Thank you for encouraging people to respond to the consultation with their experience and ideas.

Regards, Karen

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