

MILLENNIUM PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE ROUTE : Bishopthorpe Road Crossing

Sub-Committee Meeting Introduction

The Millennium Pedestrian / Cycle Route provides a valuable west-east link for York's cyclists and pedestrians from Acomb to the University. However, it is incomplete and the last link is the Bishopthorpe Road crossing.

The report before you this evening follows a previous consultation exercise in 2004 that involved Members, local residents and interested groups. Several respondents complained about the degree of loss of parking required and many people felt that the proposals (traffic lights) were an over-provision at this junction. Officers therefore felt that it was not appropriate to bring the matter to the sub-committee at that time.

Various types of junction amendments have been investigated and either rejected or probed further. The report outlines this process and includes a description of the scheme that officers recommend. The preferred solution is based on central refuges to help cyclists cross the road in two halves. We believe it would be a workable compromise between the need to provide assistance to cyclists and pedestrians to cross Bishopthorpe Road, and the aspiration to retain parking.