



Whiteley Town Council

North Whiteley Development

During the outline planning application process the North Whiteley Development Consortium proposed alterations to the phasing to complete 3,500 houses within 8 rather than 12 years.

Throughout the planning process Whiteley Town Council has highlighted the need for improvements to the highways and transport systems to maintain and enhance the long and short term viability of Whiteley.

Without appropriate mitigation works the proposed faster delivery of housing could increase the negative impact of traffic on local roads, greatly affecting residents and business communities.

The need to protect the wellbeing of residents during the construction process is of key concern to the Town Council and this includes measures to reduce congestion and ensuring fast emergency access is available when required.

Although the revised plans propose accelerating the delivery of the new access routes onto Botley Road during years 3 and 4, which is welcomed, similar acceleration of work to increase capacity on Whiteley Way was not planned.

Accelerating road improvements

The Town Council considers this to be unacceptable and on this basis raised objections during a presentation at Winchester City Council's Planning Committee on 10th September and withdrew support for the plans until the earlier delivery of improvements to existing roads could be demonstrated.

The Town Council set out its requirements for road improvements to the Consortium and as a result the phasing has been revised to bring forward improvements to existing roads beginning in year 1.

Work required by the Town Council to be accelerated includes: increasing the capacity of the Rookery Avenue/Parkway roundabout (R1) through widening and signalisation, increasing the capacity of Whiteley Way through widening from Junction 9 to the Marjoram Way roundabout (R2), improvements to the Parkway North junction (R1a) including signalisation and a filter lane for north bound traffic turning right.

The revised phasing will see work to widen Whiteley Way and the improvements to R1 and R1a completed during year 2 with improvements from R2 to Bluebell Way completed by year 3.

The highways improvements also include enhanced provision for cyclists and pedestrians.

Public transport infrastructure includes the provision of a shuttle bus between the new developments and primary school town centre which will also be available for existing residents to use.

Disruption and some inconvenience for residents is unfortunately inevitable but the revised phasing represents a two to three year improvement on the original proposals. See the link to the revised scheme.