

Proposed Resurfacing and Relining Scheme for Weston Under Penyard (A40)

Balfour Beatty Living Places is working with Weston Under Penyard Parish Council to identify what improvements could be made to road lining through the village, after planned resurfacing work has been completed in Spring next year (2020).

Road resurfacing of the A40 provides a valuable opportunity for the council to consider whether the present lining scheme remains the best possible or whether improvements could be made, for example to slow traffic through the village or enhance use of the road by both vehicles and pedestrians.

BBLP and the council have also considered how the A40, once a trunk road managed by Highways England, might be changed to better reflect the local character and conditions in the village.



Existing road markings

New housing currently being constructed to east of the village has provided £80,000, through a Section 106 contribution, to Herefordshire Council (as Highways Authority) which can be used locally towards:

- Traffic calming and traffic management measures
- Pedestrian and cyclist crossings
- New or enhanced footways or cycle ways
- Safer routes to school

Working with the Parish Council, BBLP has developed draft proposals to make best use of the opportunity provided by resurfacing.

Similar changes have already been made in other villages across the county, such as on the A44 through Pembridge (see images).

It is believed that these lining proposals would positively influence driver behaviour through the village.



New lining along the A44 in Pembridge New lining (above/below)



What is being proposed?

The proposal recommends removing the centre white line and replacing it with edge of carriageway line markings (see example above).

Edge of carriageway lines provides road users with a visual narrowing of the road space. Drivers react to this visual change and this has shown to reduce vehicle speeds.

A narrower space helps pedestrians by slowing traffic speed and reduces the length of time they are exposed to traffic while crossing the road.

Larger vehicles will be able to pass as before, by crossing the side edge of carriageway marking if necessary. However, experience

has shown larger vehicles do tend to keep to within the central running lane, again reducing traffic speed.

Give way lines at side junctions can be brought forward, enhancing visibility for vehicles turning on to the A40.

Alongside the edge of road lining buff coloured surfacing would also be introduced at regular intervals, primarily at side junctions. (Buff rather than 'red')

A number of 30mph 'roundels' would also be added to the road surface as a further reminder to drivers of the village speed limit.

A more significant change is proposed at the junction of Whitehall Road beside the Weston Cross Inn (below) with the creation of a mini-roundabout. This would assist vehicles joining from the side road and slow traffic on the A40 itself.



Village gateways (entry points) at either end of the A40 would be enhanced, with other features being incorporated as the design progresses, including signage and compliance with necessary highway standards.

If the proposed design is supported by the Parish and village, BBLP will carry out further survey work and progress a new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to ban overtaking. This order replaces the existing solid white lines that prevent overtaking at present and would be indicated by signage.

Questions and Feedback:

If you have any comments or questions please contact Mark Hadley on 01432 261800 or the Parish Council.