

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

Balfour Beatty Living Places have in conjunction with Weston Under Penyard Parish Council looked to identify improvements to be made road lining and traffic calming through the village to be installed alongside planned resurfacing work being undertaken in the week beginning 26th October 2020.

Road resurfacing of the A40 has provided a valuable opportunity for the council to consider whether the present lining scheme remains the best possible or whether improvements could be made to slow traffic through the village and enhance conditions for 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 recently completed (Ariconium Place) 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

The new lining is similar to 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.



Lining along the A44 in Pembridge (above/below)



What is being proposed?

The new works will see the removal of the existing 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 are to 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 in place of the current red markings. 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. The new junction will be illuminated with street lighting to be installed. A new pedestrian island and bus stop will also be created by the Weston Cross Inn.



Village gateways (entry points) at either end of the A40 would be enhanced, with other features incorporated including signage and calming splitter islands to the eastern end of the village, all to accord with necessary highway standards.

These works are intended to commence two weeks ahead of the main resurfacing works, and to be completed thereafter

Questions and Feedback:

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