Further to your information request ER64061 please see your questions and our response below.

Please can you kindly tell me, in relation to the new traffic lights and ancillary works at the Clewer Hill Road/ Imperial Road/ Winkfield Road junction...

1. What was the cost of the works?

Response: The total cost of the project was £209,000.

This figure includes the costs to replace the roundabout at the junction of Winkfield Road and Clewer Hill Road with traffic signals together with works at the Imperial Road / St. Leonards Road junction to deliver wider benefits.

The opportunity was also taken to improve street lighting and undertake maintenance works to existing ducting.

2. Who paid for it?

Response: The project was funded by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

3. What were the intended benefits of the work, in relation to quantifiable traffic delays or otherwise?

Response: The objective of the project was to reduce congestion; improve safety and improve pedestrian crossing facilities.

4. What have been the achieved benefits (or otherwise) in relation to quantifiable traffic delays?

Response: The following benefits have been achieved:
- improved accessibility for pedestrians (including school children)
- improved and safer access to Winkfield Road for traffic emerging from Clewer Hill Road
- improved right-turn access from Winkfield Road into Clewer Hill Road, thereby reducing queuing between the two junctions
- the two junctions are now linked and full control is in place enabling the traffic signals to respond to variable traffic flows. This method of operation is designed to reduce overall congestion and adjust the priority for vehicles approaching from differing directions accordingly
- improved street lighting
- installation of CCTV cameras enabling the junctions to be remotely monitored and managed accordingly

5. What public consultation took place before the works started?

Response: This project was a local manifesto commitment.

This commitment was clear and there were no real alternatives to achieve the desired outcomes. On this basis, a judgement was made that consultation was unnecessary.
However, advance notification was provided and extensive communication was undertaken in advance, during and after the works with residents, visitors and business.

6. What representations have you had since the works were completed?

Response: Enquiries have been received since completion relating to the overall operation of the two junctions and whether priorities for competing traffic flow is balanced correctly.

Specific enquiries related to the following:
- congestion in Winkfield Road when approaching Clewer Hill Road from Legoland
- queuing in Clewer Hill Road when exiting into Winkfield Road
- concerns with respect to excessive street furniture

Additionally, enquiries were received with respect to a number of specific detailed issues, for example the alignment of one of the traffic signal heads.

7. What (if any) amendments are being considered to improve the present situation?

Response: Since completion a series of modifications have been introduced to improve the operational efficiency of the two junctions and to respond to specific enquiries:
- the traffic signal operation has been reviewed by experts and timings adjusted accordingly to ensure optimum capacity is achieved
- the junctions are monitored and reviewed on a regular basis to identify any further areas for improvement
- a number of elements of street furniture have been removed to reduce street clutter

The junctions now form part of our portfolio of traffic signal controlled junctions which are reviewed and managed as 'business as usual', ie. opportunities are taken to identify and deliver further enhancements. Specific enquiries are investigated and responded to.

This concludes your request ER64061.

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