I am writing on behalf of Chris Daniels to respond to your information request.

Included below are:

- Response contained in previous information request (ER64061)
- Exchanges relating to the original rationale for removing the roundabout
- Works costs
  The costs highlighted include additional maintenance works which were undertaken in parallel with this project
- Summary of an independent post-project review. All recommendations have been reviewed and actioned

The information requested was:

(i) ‘…Copies of the initial impact assessment that recommended removal of the roundabout and subsequent installation of traffic lights…’

The project was undertaken following Member requests and a local manifesto commitment

(ii) ‘…Full costs for all works carried out…’

The previous Information request provides a figure of £209,000

(iii) ‘…Subsequent reports that have detailed the impact of the alterations…’

Please refer to Point 7 below.

(iv) ‘…Subsequent costs to date…’

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, responded to and funded from overall revenue budgets.

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?

The figures include 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.

**Description of work**

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Work to improve and maximise the operation of the junction was done within the confines of the site layout and therefore a lot of time was spent on the junctions but this did not cost a lot of money.

Once the junctions were fully in service further costs will only be related to any chargeable maintenance work that have been undertaken.

2. Who paid for it?

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?

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?

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?

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 before, during and after the works.

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

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?

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

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opportunities are taken to identify and deliver further enhancements. Specific enquiries are investigated and responded to.

Correspondence exchanges

I would like to add my support to progressing this scheme as quickly as possible.

Cllr Quick

I am keen to progress with speed on this since it was one of our local manifesto promises.

I know Cllr Rayner has already given his backing to this last year (for it to receive funding etc), so would be keen to get a time frame in place so myself and Cllr Quick can share the good news with the residents of Imperial rd and Longborne who suffer this on a daily basis.

Cllr Bursnall

Dear Cllr Bursnall,

I understand that you have contacted Ben Smith regarding progress on the development of the improvement scheme for the Imperial Road/St Leonards Road/Clewer Hill Road junction.

We are presently looking at a scheme for the replacement of the existing mini-roundabout at the Clewer Hill Road junction with traffic signals, with signal timings co-ordinated with those at the Imperial Road/St Leonards Road junction traffic signals. This would allow the operation of the two junctions to be linked, with the advantage of being able to maximise traffic flow through the area. The introduction of traffic signals would also allow us some control over the traffic flows in order to minimise queues and delays on the priority routes, as well as being more able to more effectively meet the demands of varying traffic flows, such as Legoland traffic.

When the scheme was passed to the Highways team to progress, the decision had been made to install signals at the junction. No information is held regarding this. Modelling was carried out as the design was developed to endeavour to maximise capacity and efficiency of the changes. Following substantial completion of the initial works, a consultant was also engaged to carry out an independent assessment of the changes.

Whilst there were recommendations for alterations arising (which were actioned), it was noted that significantly increased capacity could not realistically be achieved with alternative junction layouts or controls, given the competing peaks and traffic volumes within a constrained highway.
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Yours sincerely

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