

A65 Kirkstall Road Quality Bus Initiative - Scheme Update 10 – February 2011

A65 QBI Traffic Management February 2011

The city bound A65 carriageway, starting opposite Benfield Ford and ending at Marlborough Street, has been narrowed to 3.25metres per lane and includes a short section around the West Street Car Park. The traffic management is required in order for the road to be widened safely. During this time we ask that pedestrians do not attempt to cross the road through the traffic cones when leaving or entering West Street Car Park. A plan has been produced (**see Plan 7 Ped Routes – Feb2011**) showing recommended pedestrian walking routes to and from the car park.

There will also be off peak (0930 -1530) lane closures in this location. Moderate delays are anticipated at peak periods. We expect this section of traffic management to be in place until the summer. The entrance to West Street Car Park will be closed from 10am to 3pm, as and when works are required, over the next few weeks. The exit will remain open throughout the works to allow vehicles parked in the car park to leave.

Traffic management is in place alongside Woodside View in order for the footpath to be rebuilt and for works to a new pedestrian crossing. We expect this section of traffic management to be in place until Mid March.

The traffic management on Commercial Road between Beecroft Street and Gilbert Mount is to remain in place until the end of June 2011. The current arrangement of one lane in each direction will be maintained during all busy times and only slight delays are expected.

A temporary Pedestrian Crossing is now operational near the Angel Halls of Residence, West of Gilbert Mount.

The service road between Staples and Benfield Ford has been narrowed to one lane and is closed to through traffic. Businesses in this location are open as usual and the service road can be used to access these businesses. The new footpath is now open for pedestrians. The bus stop on the service road is temporarily out of use while the works in this area are on going. Passengers are advised to use the bus stop 300metres along Kirkstall Road, past Benfield Ford, outside Craven House.

Further traffic management updates will be posted on this page as they become available. Dates given for closures are approximate and may be subject to change at short notice.

Night works

Night works are anticipated to start again in April 2011. However over the next four to six weeks some tarmac will be laid near to West Street Car Park and the Ibis Hotel and some essential patch repairs along the scheme will be carried out. These operations can only be carried out at night as the lane closures required to do the works safely would cause major traffic delays during the day.

News

The works in the service road, at the former Bus Depot, have uncovered a large hole underneath the carriageway next to the bus stop. The hole measures approx. 4mx4mx3m and has been caused by an old sewer collapsing under the road surface. Yorkshire Water are on site undertaking emergency repairs to the sewer.