



Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN)

Westbury Road: update to Neighbourhood Partnership

There is no one single type of review to which transport schemes are subjected, more of a three-part process:

1. Snagging. Any elements not completed, or built incorrectly, by the contractor are recorded and repaired by them at no cost to the council.
2. Stage 3 road safety audit. This review of safety issues for all road users was undertaken by independent transport consultants Halcrow. The only issues raised with the Westbury Road elements of the overall corridor were with regards to incomplete lining and signing that has now been finished (final audit report and exception report, the official council response, attached).
3. Operational issues. Monitoring is carried out by transport officers, reacting to information from local people where appropriate. We, of course, cannot have staff on site all day, but appropriate sampling of different road conditions is carried out as far as possible. The way that this is done, and level of study required, is managed on a case-by-case basis. Westbury Road has been the subject of a large number of site visits by a wide range of council staff.

The first two of these three elements are complete, the third is ongoing. One key area is frustrating the possibility of a full review of the road system in this area – the restrictions on North View, on which I believe this meeting is being separately updated. With reduced traffic levels on North View, much of which is expected to be joining Westbury Road further north and skewing traffic numbers, a full assessment of whether the bus lane is having a marked impact is proving impossible.

Traffic speeds on the roundabout were identified as one of the most important elements in reducing capacity on Westbury Road, and adding a centre line to the roundabout has improved this situation somewhat. Following a site meeting on 6 September, the decision was made to further amend the lane markings on the southbound Westbury Road approach to the roundabout, which it is anticipated will further improve traffic flows from this direction.

The bus lane will be enforceable from Monday 10 September.