

A4018 consultation: update for Downs Committee, 28 January 2019

It has been agreed at previous Downs Committee meetings, following discussion with the Committee's Movement and Place Sub-Group, that the first element of the Seven Sisters Loop would be constructed as part of the A4018 Corridor project. This first element is the shared-use path running alongside Westbury Road from Upper Belgrave Road/ Roman Road to the northernmost point of Downs land approximately opposite Henleaze Road. At Parry's Lane, this route links to National Cycle Network route 4.

The A4018 Corridor project is a larger piece of work looking at improvements to this route all the way from Blackboy Hill to Crow Lane in Henbury. Starting next Monday, a consultation exercise will run for five weeks on what we are proposing. In broad terms, these include lengths of in- and outbound bus lanes, upgraded intelligent traffic signals at junctions, new pedestrian crossings, and traffic circulation changes in Westbury Village to remove rat-running and improve the environment as a shopping destination.

Almost 5,000 leaflets will be delivered to addresses close to this route next week. Although further north than the Downs Committee usually looks, the southern element on which people's view will be sought is the section of the Seven Sisters Loop that we are providing. In order to allow people the opportunity to speak to council officers to understand the proposals, we will be holding the following drop-in sessions:

Westbury library	Saturday 9 February, 11.15am-3.45pm
Westbury library	Monday 11 February, 11.15am-3.45pm
Henbury library	Saturday 23 February, 11.15am-3.45pm
Henbury library	Wednesday 27 February, 2.15pm-6.45pm
Westbury library	Monday 4 March, 2.15pm-6.45pm

Answers are also welcomed to a questionnaire at www.bristol.gov.uk/a4018improvements, where the consultation leaflet and other related information can be found.

The proposed changes to the Crow Lane roundabout will be funded by Local Growth Fund money from the West of England Combined Authority, and need to be constructed by March 2021. Because it will not involve working on the road, it is currently envisioned that our element of the Seven Sisters Loop will be built concurrently. The other elements of the route will follow over the next couple of years and will be planned to reduce congestion as far as possible.

Steve Riley, 25 January 2019