

Soundwell Road Options

Ref	Concerns	Option	Benefits and Disbenefits	Cost
1	Conflicts between vehicles travelling in opposing directions on the narrow section of Soundwell Road creating stand offs and safety issues.	Introduce double yellow line parking restrictions on some sections of Soundwell Road to create places where vehicles can pass each other safely.	<p><u>For:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This can reduce the conflicts as long as the spaces are long enough and frequent enough to accommodate the volume of traffic. <p><u>Against:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This would reduce the amount of parking that is available to local residents and visitors to the area. It would not remove the potential for conflicts entirely. It is unlikely to reduce the volume or type of traffic using the road. 	£15,000
2		<p>Make Soundwell Road one-way, between Two Mile Hill Road and the Lodge Road/Soundwell Road junction.</p> <p>(Initial thoughts are that the most likely option would be to make Soundwell Road one way north-bound, i.e. travelling away from Two Mile Hill, with Grantham Road remaining oneway southbound as it currently is.)</p>	<p><u>For:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This would remove the potential for any conflict between opposing traffic. It should reduce the amount of traffic using Soundwell Road, although this depends on the direction of the one-way and whether the lack of conflict makes it more attractive in the direction of the one-way which could pull in extra traffic. <p><u>Against:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents and visitors to Soundwell Road, Grantham Road, Lodge Road and Broad Road could have longer routes as they would not be able to use Soundwell Road in the other direction. Through traffic could be diverted to other roads in the area including those listed as well as the area bounded by New Queen Street, Ingleside Road Downend Road and Two Mile Hill. Some routes may need to be redesigned to accommodate the potential re-routing of larger vehicles. Vehicle speeds can increase as drivers become used to not having any opposing traffic. 	£15,000

3	Speed of traffic on Soundwell Road	Speed cushions on Soundwell Road.	<p><u>For:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would reduce the speed of traffic along the route. • May discourage some vehicles from using Soundwell Road. • Would maintain existing access for local residents and businesses. • These could be installed without reducing the amount of parking available. <p><u>Against:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reduction in the volume of vehicles would be minimal. • This would not address the conflicts between opposing traffic. • Subject to the precise location where they are installed, there drivers could attempt to straddle the cushion or drive between which could increase the amount of head on conflicts. • They have the potential to increase noise and vibration for local properties as vehicles travel over the cushions. 	£40,000
5		<p>Provide an entry treatment on the southern end of Soundwell Road by Grantham Lane. Could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A footway buildout the width of existing cars with an improved informal crossing. • Signing, road markings and coloured surfacing. • A raised table. 	<p><u>For:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would help to reduce the speed of traffic along the route by narrowing the road sooner meaning that drivers would not speed up as much before reaching the cars. • Would help to reduce vehicle speeds giving drivers more clear information that they have entered a residential street. • This may discourage some vehicles from using Soundwell Road. • An improved crossing point with better visibility around parked vehicles could be provided. • It could protect the first parking spaces by guiding drivers naturally around them. • The bus stop would be removed which could reclaim a small area for parking. • A raised table could reduce traffic speeds further and provide a level surface at the crossing point. <p><u>Against:</u></p>	<p>(build-out) £20,000</p> <p>(table) £30,000</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is unlikely to reduce the volume of traffic significantly. • This would not address the conflicts between opposing traffic. • A table could have the potential to increase noise and vibration for local properties as vehicles travel over the ramps. 	
4	The lack of available parking spaces for residents, visitors and deliveries.	Removal of bus stops that are no longer served.	<p><u>For:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would release some kerb space to offset any loss of parking spaces in any option. • Could be delivered as part of wider review of parking restrictions in the area to rationalise parking activity. <p><u>Against:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would limit the options for the bus services to be reintroduced at a later date. 	£10,000
8	Safety concerns outside Moventi primarily due to access by HGVs.	<p>Remove bus stop and adjust parking to provide a loading bay outside Moventi.</p> <p>Extend the footway across the front of Moventi where no footway currently exists.</p>	<p><u>For:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could remove the need for deliveries to reverse into the premises, or could make this movement easier, although this would depend on the operational needs of the business. • Could provide more parking for local residents. • Could provide improved parking for other deliveries in the area and reduce the amount of footway parking and parking on corners. • Would improve pedestrian access across the front of the site. <p><u>Against:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would limit the options for the bus services to be reintroduced at a later date. • Any changes would not require a change in delivery practices. 	<p>£15,000 (parking)</p> <p>£15,000 (footway)</p>

6	Safety of the junction of Soundwell Road and Lodge Road.	Redesign the junction.	<p><u>For:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could help to reduce vehicle speeds further along Soundwell Road and Lodge Road. • Could address conflicts at the existing junction by making each movement safer. • Could improve the area outside of Top Nosh. • Could address concerns over parking in the vicinity of the junction. • Could be designed to enable safer access to Moventi. • Could improve pedestrian crossing facilities. <p><u>Against:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would not reduce the volume of traffic using Soundwell Road if delivered in isolation. 	£100,000
7	Pedestrian safety at Broad Road junction	Upgrade Broad Road junction with improved footways and pedestrian crossing points.	<p><u>For:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer pedestrian access. • Remodelled junction could also help slow traffic on Soundwell Road, in combination with other changes and make vehicle turns safer. • 	£25,000
8	Lack of sense of place.	Community painting, planting, street trees, pocket parks etc	<p><u>For:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures that improve the attractiveness of the road and present a sense of community, can encourage drivers to slow down and respect the community through which they are travelling. <p><u>Against:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are technical reasons why these things are not possible in certain circumstances, for example underground services, local acceptance, concerns over anti-social behaviour, liability, public safety and future maintenance. 	Street trees

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They can impede access by pedestrians, buggies, wheelchairs etc where existing footways are already narrow. • With community lead initiatives, we need to learn the lessons from the Liveable Neighbourhood pilot scheme that is currently in development to understand the wider implications before we can consider them more widely across the City. 	
9	Safety of the junction with Two Mile Hill, including the speed of traffic entering Soundwell Road, pedestrian safety crossing close to the junction, and the safety of turning onto Two Mile Hill.	Turn the junction with Two Mile Hill into a signal controlled junction with pedestrian crossing facilities.	<p><u>For:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would reduce any conflicts at the junction, making traffic turns easier and safer. • Would provide dedicated pedestrian crossings removing conflict with turning vehicles. <p><u>Against:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could create traffic queues on Two Mile Hill and Soundwell Road encouraging drivers to divert onto other routes. • Making access safer and easier may attract more traffic to use the junction. 	£150,000+