

Road Safety in Radyr and Morganstown: An Update from the Community Council

On 8 August 2018, a meeting was held between Radyr and Morganstown Community Council and Paul Carter, the Head of Transportation at Cardiff Council, to discuss road safety.

This is what Cardiff Council told us:

- Cardiff Council is keen to reduce 'rat running' and speeding traffic in Radyr and Morganstown. These movements will be discouraged by traffic calming measures such as speed humps and the installation of footway crossings.
- as part of this plan, and a wider traffic management strategy, Cardiff is working with Rhondda Cynon Taff Council and the Welsh Government to provide a park and ride scheme to serve the A470. This will provide alternative travel choices for those travelling by car to Cardiff.
- in addition, Cardiff Council is delivering a separate, large park and ride scheme at junction 33 of the M4 (in liaison with other developers), to remove traffic from Llantrisant Road. This is a key priority for Cardiff Council - and is tied in with the Local Development Plan.
- £600k of developer funding will be available (under a Section 106 developer-contribution agreement) to pay for road safety improvements in R&M, including Heol Isaf.
- Cardiff Council will explore the possibility of bringing forward the Section 106 money to enable the earlier delivery of mitigation measures - like traffic calming - ahead of the formal developer trigger points that require a certain number of houses to be built before funding is normally released (in line with planning conditions).
- Cardiff Council is committed to develop and deliver a strategic plan to reduce the volume and speed of traffic travelling through R&M, from the A470, via Pugh's roundabout, to Llantrisant Road. This will be achieved by a combination of park and ride schemes and road safety measures.
- a draft plan for traffic calming works in Heol Isaf and Ty Nant is planned to be available for consultation in late October / early November 2018
- work to begin installing traffic calming measures could begin in April 2019, and be completed during 2020, subject to the early release of Section 106 money being agreed in dialogue with developers and the Welsh Government
- the aim would be to slow traffic as appropriate - and reduce the volume of traffic
- steps would be considered to prevent other routes in R&M being used as rat-runs to avoid the new traffic calming measures
- safe passage for cyclists would also be considered as part of the strategic plan
- the plan would also cover Kings Road down to Radyr Station and the section of Windsor Road with no pavement
- a nextbikes stand is also being considered, to be installed at Radyr Station (<https://www.nextbike.co.uk/en/cardiff/>)
- the possibility of extending the Coryton line to the other side of the river from Radyr Station is being considered as part of the long-term Metro proposals. It might even be possible for the line to cross the river and continue through Radyr, back to Cardiff Central but this is subject to working with Welsh Government and the new franchise operator.
- tabling of the road at zebra crossings and at junctions is preferred by Cardiff Council to speed bumps and chicanes
- traffic lights at the exit from Clos Parc Radur would be timed to ensure that traffic leaving the estate would be given greater priority onto Llantrisant Road during peak times - enabling local residents to have the advantage over regional traffic that will, in any case, be encouraged to use the proposed park and ride facility at J33 as an alternative. Traffic light timings could be fine-tuned to ensure that this happens

- Cardiff Council, like R&MCC, have asked Arriva Trains to change their ticket pricing to introduce the same ticket price into Cardiff from Radyr and Taffs Well. This could help reduce the volume of traffic through Radyr, to the station.

Speaking after the meeting the community council's chair, Cllr Ralph Vaughan, said:

"It was good to hear that quick progress is proposed, to improve road safety in Radyr and Morganstown - and the community council looks forward to seeing Cardiff Council's strategic plan later this year. All members of the community will have an opportunity to comment on the plan - and the community council will work with Cardiff Council to ensure that the plan is made as widely available as possible".

"I was also delighted to see the recent introduction of 20mph zones along Park Road and Cae'r Graig, making the roads safer for pupils attending Bryn Deri and Radyr primary schools. The Community Council has long campaigned for these improvements - and a special thank you must go to Councillor Rod Mckerlich for his work in lobbying for the new zones".

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