

# REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

## CANUTE PLACE ROUNDABOUT



**Report Reference** C-21-32  
**Meeting Date** 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
**Agenda Item** 8  
**Prepared by** Town Clerk

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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

The outline planning permission for the Northwich Road development was subject to a condition which requires that:

*Prior to occupation of the 100th dwelling hereby approved, the Canute Place junction improvements shall be carried out in general accordance with drawing number 3654-SK-016-EV-P1, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority*

In reviewing this application, the Town Council said:

*Whilst outside the remit of the development, Knutsford Town Council requests that Cheshire East Highways consults with local residents and the Town Council regarding the details of the Canute Place roundabout development and how the S106 money is spent*

Draft plans for works to the roundabout were shared with the Town Council in 2018. In 2018, the Town Council met with Cheshire East Council to discuss the various highway junction improvements proposed to be funded through the strategic development and expressed concern about the proposals for the schemes.

In January members met with Cheshire East Highways again. It was confirmed that there had been no progression to the schemes and that the designs prepared to date were draft feasibility drawings and would be refined once funding is available. Cheshire East Council undertook to keep the Town Council informed.

In late January the Town Council received a revised plan for the Canute Place roundabout works. The proposals were slightly revised from the previously provided with the Manchester Road crossing retained in its present position but with the King Edward Road crossing moved further south and Gaskell Avenue continuing to be closed to traffic.

The plans were circulated to members to provide feedback to the Town Clerk to inform an initial reply to Cheshire East Council. In response, the Town Council raised a series of questions which have been answered by Cheshire East Council.

In summary, Cheshire East Council advised that the requirement arises from the Northwich Road development and is based on modelling work was undertaken by the Crown Estates transport consultant. The improvements are to reduce queue lengths at the roundabout. The detailed design process will determine the type of crossing at King Edward Road. Likewise, the location of this crossing to meet pedestrian desire lines and changes proposed in the From Top to Bottom Street report can

be considered as part of the technical approval process. Where necessary enhancements can be considered to promote active travel as part of the scheme. The traffic report in the 2017 application outlines that it may be necessary to make a stretch of Stanley Road two way but did not specifically consider access for coaches to the Knutsford Academy.

It was further stated that the s278 agreement which secures the works require that works are undertaken solely at Canute Place. Cheshire East Council advised there is scope for minor changes but that the principle was established and 'do nothing' was not an option.

## **2.0 FURTHER MEETINGS**

Cheshire East Highways have offered to meet with the Town Council again to discuss the specifics of the revised proposals. A date and time for this is currently being confirmed.

## **3.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED**

Council should determine what action it wishes to take regarding this matter.