



Report to Dave Roberts – Head of Highways

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Title: A413 Amersham Road – Closure of central reserve and banning of right turn manoeuvres.

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Ward(s) affected: Gerrards Cross | Chalfont St Peter

Recommendations: Approval to proceed to Statutory Consultation and formally advertise permanent traffic regulation orders to close the central reserve and ban turning manoeuvres at A413 Amersham Road right turn facility near South Park, Chalfont St Giles.

Reason for decision: The scheme has been identified through the 2021-22 review of Network Safety Schemes based upon the following information:

1. Between 01/11/2015 and 31/10/2020 there have been 7 reported injury collisions at the A413 Amersham Road Gerrards Cross right turn slip road for Golf Club [near South Park]. 1 of them was Fatal and 6 were Slight injuries.
2. Upon conducting a site visit, nearly all traffic using the right turn facility is local traffic exiting South Park and heading directly across the A413 into the right turn facility to conduct a U-turn and head south on the A413. This is not how the junction was intended to be used and is causing the collisions mentioned above.
3. Most collisions are vehicles turning right into the slip road from the north bound carriageway, and turning onto the south bound lane(s). This creates a situation where fast-moving traffic on a national speed limit dual carriageway meets slow moving traffic heading sideways across both lanes in front them.
4. Our proposal prevents all right turns and U turns at this location whilst still allowing left in and left out access on the southbound carriageway for vehicles exiting Gerrards Cross Golf Club area. This is achieved through:
 - a. Removing the right turn manoeuvre from slip road onto A413 northbound traffic.

- b. Prohibiting 'U' turns for traffic exiting South Park and heading directly across the A413 into the right turn facility to conduct a U-turn and head south on the A413.
- c. Redesign the slip road to remove right turn facility for northbound A413 traffic.
- d. Allowing a simple diversion route for A413 northbound traffic, sending vehicles to the Kingsway roundabout north of this junction.

Executive summary

This site has come to the attention of the Network Safety Team following annual collision analysis. Redesigning this turning facility by closing the central reserve and prohibiting right turn from the slip road as well as no 'U' turn on A413 Amersham Road is intended to reduce collisions and casualties.

Buckinghamshire Council as traffic authority intends to make the above TRO. This will prohibit any vehicle proceeding in a northbound direction in A413 Amersham Road to make a 'U' turn or turn right leading into Gerrard's Cross Golf Club for the following reasons:-

- For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising
- For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Legal and financial implications

- Funding has been secured by Buckinghamshire Council Network Safety Fund
- We are following The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

Corporate implications

The scheme is in line with the Corporate plan 2020 to 2023 and includes:

- Improving the safety of all road users by lowering the speed limit.
- Improve air quality and people's health by reducing emissions.



Consultation and communication

- This scheme has been led by the Network Safety Team and full consultation has taken place with all key stakeholders such as members and parish council contacted to gain their support of the scheme.
- Members as well as respondents were informed of results of statutory consultation.
- With the central reserve closed and a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) prohibiting the Right Turns and No 'U' turns, motorists will no longer be able to carry out this dangerous manoeuvre on the dual carriageway.

Other

Link to Statutory Consultation content is provided below;

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/a413-amersham>

Conclusions:- The proposed gap closure and banned right turn + u-turn manoeuvres will improve road safety (at this junction) by removing the risk that is associated with turning manoeuvres for drivers whilst they are negotiating northbound/southbound traffic on the highway or towards Gerrards Cross Golf Club. The proposals will help facilitate safe traffic movement as well as meet Bucks Council's aims of accident reductions across the county.

Background papers

- Consultation layout of proposed central reserve gap closure = drwg no. T10-RNGJ-01-ZZ-M2-C-003

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper, please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose email address is given at the head of the paper.

Approval Signature.....

Date: 01/09/2021

Dave Roberts

Head of Highways