

1. Relocation of Bus Gate

BDL has taken on board the comments at the Full Council Meeting and has amended its plans, moving the bus gate to the west, adjacent to the Neighbourhood Centre. This will allow vehicular access from the east in close proximity to the school, health centre and facilities, along with a small number of homes by car but maintain a no through road. Through traffic is not desirable from a highway safety or capacity perspective. An all traffic route would likely encourage through traffic (i.e. traffic without an origin or destination within the development) along the main street through the centre of the development, therefore creating the potential for 'rat-running', which BDL wishes to prevent.

The road will terminate in a car park of approximately 30 spaces close to the Neighbourhood Centre. The link will remain open to public transport vehicles and emergency services. This change has been agreed in principle with Gloucestershire County Council as Highway Authority and Historic England. This solution respects the setting of the Scheduled Ancient Monument and will result in a significant reduction in signage close to the Scheduled Monument.

The parameter plans and conditions have been amended to ensure delivery and control. The precise design and detailing of the bus link will be a matter for Reserved Matters Applications.

