

## **RCC 396 Widening Sandy Road, Elgin, IV30 6EG**

Response from Elgin South Area Forum

After consideration of the RCC 396 plans we would comment as follows.

- There is some concern about the new width of the road without reference to expected traffic flows. Is this development part of the associated changes to Glen Moray Drive/Sandy Road which are designed to follow construction of the Western Link Road? Is it anticipating expected traffic flows following WLR construction? Is it pre-empting future plans for re-alignment with Glen Moray Drive?
- There was some serious concern as to how cyclists and pedestrians will be impacted. This is in the active travel to school area for Elgin High School at present and quite possibly for a re-zoned Greenwards in the near future. We are far from convinced that this has been thought through, particularly regards cyclists crossing from Birnie Place/Land Street to meet the cycle path on the other side. There appears to be no refuge for crossing at Muirfield Road. Are the refuges and re-aligned paths in the optimum positions so that they will be used and not ignored? Are refuges the best means of ensuring safe crossing?
- Some safe means of crossing (Toucan?) is required at Springfield Road to join the Sandy Road cycle path to the existing path to the Wards/Edgar Road. Although there is a light-controlled crossing nearby it is not helpful in this regard. Alignment of the two parts of this combined cycle path needs to be checked.
- A note says Trees to be removed, replaced or relocated. Trees must not be removed. They can be relocated or replaced.
- Access to private properties appears to be compromised by the refuge of the pedestrian crossing and associated hatched areas.
- Similarly the exit from Birnie Place is impacted upon by the hatched area possibly making it a left only exit. Can you cross the hatched area to turn right exiting Birnie Place?

We would be grateful to have a response to our questions. Whilst at this point we are not objecting, we do have clear concerns.

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