

Member Led Report to Ashington and Blyth Local Council on Highways Safety at Broadway Circle Roundabout

Purpose of this Report:

The purpose of this report is to engage the Ashington and Blyth Local Council into a discussion to inform Streetcare and the Local Transport plan about road safety at and on the Broadway Circle Roundabout.

Introduction

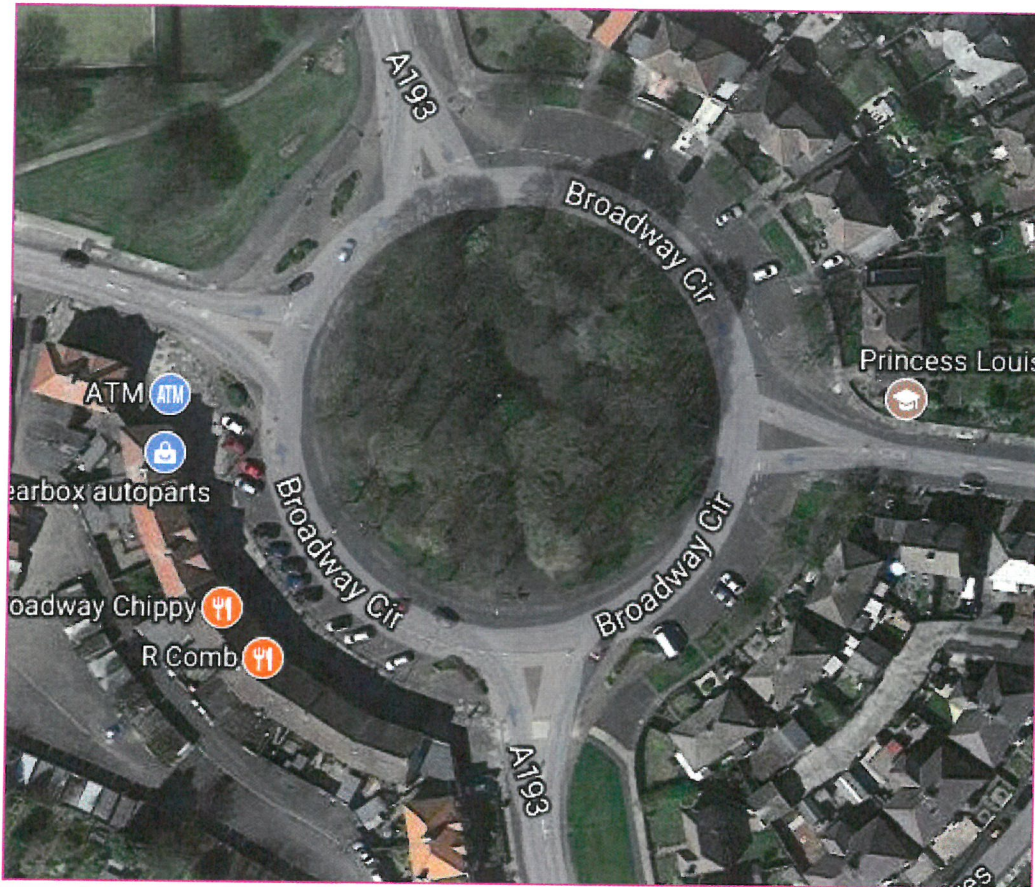
The roundabout is moderately unique in the County being on an A class highway with a fine parade of shops, providing a very successful day and night time economy, with flats and good quality housing. The whole roundabout has in the past been marked for residential and trade parking.

The volume of traffic is on the increase passing this roundabout, as people try to find access and egress for Blyth Town Centre and Cowpen Road particularly at peak times.

A number of minor accidents have occurred and they appear to be on the increase as passing trade for the shops are reversing into the highway following their retail experience.

Discussion Matters

- The roundabout is currently not marked out leading to inappropriate driving practice for through traffic..
- There are currently thirteen parking places outside the parade of shops, three of which are disabled bays.
- The bays themselves are not currently well cited.
- There is no defined reversing area to allow safe egress onto the highway.
- There is no awareness signage openly visible to warn other road users
- The residential parking areas are similarly not marked out.



I would like to present this to the Chair of the Ashington and Blyth Council for discussion with members and officers at a future meeting.

Councillor Susan Davey 11 October 2017