

(A198 BANKTON JUNCTION SOUTH ROUNDABOUT, TRANENT) (REDETERMINATION OF MEANS OF EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF PASSAGE) ORDER 2025

TO – 417/25

STATEMENT OF REASONS | BANKTON JUNCTION – SOUTH ROUNDABOUT

Improvements to Bankton Junction South Roundabout are required to satisfy Planning Condition 30 of Planning Consent 21 / 01580 / PM for the Blindwells development. The improvements to Bankton Junction include the following which have been agreed with Transport Scotland and East Lothian Council:

- > Part-signalisation of the South Roundabout to improve its operation and to manage traffic queuing to acceptable levels.
- > Redetermination of part of the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout to grass verge and footway to form a 'teardrop' gyratory to improve traffic flows
- > Introduction of controlled pedestrian crossings across three approaches to the gyratory to improve accessibility for pedestrians and create safe crossing locations.
- > Improved channelisation of traffic through the gyratory through the introduction of improved road markings and signage.

The improvements to the South Roundabout have been the subject of extensive discussions with Transport Scotland and East Lothian Council and have been agreed in principle; the detailed design has been progressed based on the discussions held with Transport Scotland and East Lothian Council. A Minute of Agreement between Transport Scotland and Hargreaves in respect of the improvements proposed to the South Roundabout will be signed following execution of the Redetermination Order and detailed design conclusion.

The redetermination of the circulatory route around the South Roundabout has been proposed to improve the major traffic flows from north to south. The redetermination of the circulatory route means that traffic from Tranent travelling to Tranent Mains Road requires to take a slightly longer route to reach Tranent Mains Road; the slightly longer route requires traffic to continue from the South Roundabout northwards on the A198 to Bankton Junction North Roundabout and then return southwards on the A198 to the Bankton Junction South Roundabout and Tranent Mains Road. The traffic flows from Tranent, to Tranent Mains Road are very low with the peak hourly flow being 8 No vehicles. The additional journey length because of the redetermination of the circulatory route on the South Roundabout is approximately 950m. There are also further routes / options available to Tranent Mains Road (from the south) from other roads within Tranent including Ormiston Road (via Northfield and Coalgate Road), Sandersons Wynd or Lindores Drive.

Pedestrian movements from Tranent (Tranent Mains Road) are not affected by the redetermination of the carriageway and pedestrian movements generally around the gyratory will be improved by the introduction of three additional controlled pedestrian crossings.