

How would these suggestions impact on local roads?

The impact of the proposals on traffic flow in the local area will vary depending on the traffic management proposal chosen. All four options seek to reduce the traffic volume on Burns Way.

Option 1: (Make Burns Way one-way northbound away from Henlys Roundabout)

This would result in an approximate 70% reduction in traffic based on current surveys. The impact on surrounding roads is expected to be minimised as any southbound through traffic that moves onto Springwell Road as a result can only turn left onto the eastbound A4, rather than as at present where through traffic joins Henlys Roundabout which provides access to the south, east, and west.

Both road closure options will displace northbound and some southbound traffic onto Springwell Road. Our analysis suggests that a large majority of the southbound traffic that uses Burns Way exits at the roundabout westbound, a direction that is not possible from Springwell Road.

Option 2: (Close Burns Way at the north end, at its junction with Browning Way).

Closing the road at Burns Way junction with Browning Way, would reduce through traffic. A closure here would make servicing the road difficult.

Option 3: (Close Burns Way at the Henlys Roundabout).

Closing the road at the Henlys Roundabout is likely to have a positive impact on Burns way and result in the greatest improvement to road safety. Servicing the road particularly the south end may be more problematic post closure.

Option 4: (No entry into Browning Way from Springwell Road).

This option would result in residents of Burns Way, Shelley Crescent and Browning Way only accessing their roads from Henlys Roundabout, but with two-way movement allowed residents would be able to exit in either direction. This option will remove all southbound through traffic from the road.

If a decision is taken to progress with one of the options, the impact would be monitored during the trial and reported ahead of any permanent decisions being made.

Would making the road one-way northbound have any impact on the speed of traffic?

The introduction of a one-way northbound has the potential to increase vehicle speeds, as drivers will not face any oncoming traffic. If the council proceeded with the one-way trial, speeds would be monitored.

Would vehicular access be maintained to my property?

For all of the proposals, access would be maintained to all properties although some journeys may take longer and may only be accessed from one end of the road.

Would the proposals make things better for those who walk or cycle?

The reduction of through traffic on these residential roads is likely to make it a more pleasant and a safer environment to walk and cycle.

How would this impact on access for emergency services?

The Council will consult with other key stakeholders including the emergency services. Any feedback will be included in the report to Ward Councillors.