

Swallow roundabout improvements – an update



Further to the concerns in yesterday's "Courier" about safety at the Swallow roundabout that borders the West End Ward, Lochee Ward and the Perth and Kinross council boundary, I have had requests asking about progress with improvements to the road network here.

The council's Head of Planning and Economic Development has advised me :

"The Swallow junction is on the A90 trunk road and is therefore the responsibility of Transport Scotland/BEAR. The Council has been involved in the consideration of the proposals to upgrade it to accommodate the housing developments being built to the west of Dundee at Dykes of Gray Road.

As you will be aware, planning permission was granted for these developments subject to a condition requiring the upgrading of the Swallow junction. Planning permission was subsequently applied for and granted for works to upgrade the existing roundabout to a signalised junction similar to that at Myrekirk. The main developer (Springfield Properties) intend to carry out the improvement works themselves in conjunction with Transport Scotland/BEAR.

The developer had previously advised the Council of the intention to commence works to improve the junction in May of this year. However, an issue over the ownership of a section of land has delayed progress. The works will commence once this issue has been resolved. If the land ownership issue cannot be resolved timeously, the developer has indicated that the proposals will be amended to allow them to carry out the required improvements to the junction."