

Notice of Motion: main views expressed during the Full Council Debate:

Views expressed in relation to the Notice of Motion included:

- The data contained in the traffic modelling survey was biased and not representative of typical traffic movement.
- Some of the data contained within the traffic survey was incorrect which called into question the accuracy of other information provided in the survey.
- Intelligent traffic signals could be used to synchronise the traffic lights of a retained right-hand turn with those along Haslett Avenue East and Worth Park Avenue. The traffic along the main road would then only be required to stop when a vehicle wished to turn right out of the station, therefore reducing the impact on traffic using the main thoroughfare.
- The traffic modelling survey had been carried out by skilled specialists and although some data contained in the survey may be surprising it was, nonetheless, correct.
- The traffic modelling survey identified that only 2% of the traffic used the right-hand turn. The majority of road users in the area wanted to travel uninterrupted along Haslett Avenue East and Worth Park Avenue.
- The station redevelopment would provide benefits to the community through improved pedestrian access to the station and widening the pavement under the bridge.
- It was appropriate to request that WSCC Highways reconsider the information to review the possibility of retaining the right-hand turn.
- It was important to acknowledge the level of concern expressed by residents through the recently received e-Petition.
- The right-hand turn could be retained if a proportion of the space at the front of the station was kept as highways and used for that right-hand turn.
- Removing the right-hand turn would result in an increase in dangerous traffic manoeuvres (e.g. illegal U-turns and crossing multiple lanes which could lead to obstructing traffic).
- The Council need to be assured that all options had been exhausted before agreeing to the loss of the right-hand turn.
- Due to the increased distance vehicles would be required to travel if the right-hand turn was lost vehicle emissions in the area (including the Hazelwick Air Quality Management Area) would increase.
- St Mary's Drive would potentially be used as an alternative route if the right-hand turn was removed. The bridge along that road had flooded on several occasions recently which had left that route unpassable.
- The increased travel time/distance caused by the loss of the right-hand turn would lead to increased taxi fares which could mean more people would choose to drive to the station.
- Public transport through Maidenbower was unreliable and not necessarily a suitable alternative to car use.
- A cross-roads outside the station could be installed as an alternative option.