

Exchange of Emails About the Possibility of Using Bluetooth to Alleviate the Traffic Build up on Rochdale Rd and Burnley Rd

Dear Assistant Town Clerk,

Yes, you are right, it would have been useful at the start. We are very stretched for resources and managing this would have been difficult, or impossible even if it was desirable.

There is no more major work planned in Todmorden from the CIP.

I've copied in the project manager, for awareness or clarification.

Corporate Lead Transportation

From: assistanttownclerk@todmorden-tc.gov.uk <

Sent: 07 July 2022 21:20

To: Corporate Lead Transportation and Assistant Head Strategy and Regeneration

Subject: RE: Possibility of Using Bluetooth to Prevent the Build Up of Traffic in Roadworks

Hi ,

Thank you very much for your email.

With the anticipated end date for the roundabout work of 20 July does that mean that there will be no more roadworks on Rochdale Rd or Burnley Rd?

I can confirm that the queue lengths are definitely uneven. I was stuck myself in the roadworks on Rochdale Rd yesterday travelling from Shade to the Town Hall – at around 3pm and the journey took me around half an hour. There was virtually no traffic on the other side of the road which was frustrating as I was travelling from one work meeting to another. Some traffic management would have been much appreciated. I wonder what it was like at rush hour?

It is such a shame that the Bluetooth solution was not considered as a possibility at the start of the works. It has certainly been several weeks of misery and wasted petrol/time for road users, increased pollution and lean pickings for the market and town centre shops.

Kind regards,
Assistant Town Clerk

From: Corporate Lead Regeneration

Sent: 07 July 2022 15:41

To: assistanttownclerk@todmorden-tc.gov.uk;

Subject: RE: Possibility of Using Bluetooth to Prevent the Build Up of Traffic in Roadworks

Assistant Town Clerk,

We have an anticipated end date of 20th July for the works at Rochdale Road/Halifax Road/Burnley Road (Island/Roundabout works) in Todmorden. We have discussed it internally, and feel that the cost and management of installing and managing Bluetooth isn't justified for this short term traffic

disruption. We don't think it would bring much benefit anyway as blue tooth comes into its own when the queue lengths are very unequal.

Hope that's ok,

Corporate Lead Transportation

From: assistanttownclerk@todmorden-tc.gov.uk <

Sent: 06 July 2022 11:20

To: Corporate Lead Transportation; Assistant Head Strategy and Regeneration

Subject: Possibility of Using Bluetooth to Prevent the Build Up of Traffic in Roadworks

Hi ,

I've been catching up on emails following my absence on holiday and subsequent bout of Covid.

Cllr White has asked if it is possible for Bluetooth technology to be used to aid the flow of traffic through the current roadworks, particularly on Burnley Rd and Rochdale Rd. As you are aware, school buses have been delayed by 30 minutes at both the Cornholme and Walsden St Peter Schools. There has also been a significant impact on the shops and market in Todmorden on market days. Individuals travelling to work, school and appointments have also been severely affected (as evidenced by posts on Facebook - Todmorden Chat).

In other posts it has been said that the funding for the Bluetooth came from the contractors and the EA. In this case, it would need to be funded by the Corridor Improvement Project.

I was wondering if any decision has been made about the possible funding of Bluetooth for this purpose yet please?

Thank you,
Assistant Town Clerk