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Written question from Mr Anthony Pendleton to the cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure

As a regular pedestrian user of the Hunnycross/River Way junction, I find that crossing the road here is dangerous each and every day I use it. I understand that this Junction received government funding for improvement and is part of the next phase after St Mary's. What are the Council's plans to make this a safer crossing?

Response

The option to improve capacity at the mini-roundabouts on either side of the dual carriageway by signalling those (incorporating a pedestrian phase) and widening the link between them did not prove feasible and this option was not included in the package detailed in the Cabinet report of September 2018.

The current improvements will be further refined once we have evaluated the effect the St Mary's scheme and changed lane destinations at the south bound approach to Coppins Bridge as traffic levels returned to pre-lockdown levels. It is proposed to bring a report

to cabinet firming up the final components of the package upon completion of that Coppins to St Georges Way improvement in the Spring.

The need to improve safety for pedestrians crossing Hunnycross Way on the approach to the junction has been revisited and it was found that an independent signal-controlled pedestrian crossing cannot be installed on the Hunnycross Way approach to the mini roundabout safely.

- There has been just 1 incident resulting in slight injury in the last 5 years (only 4 in the last 21 years) which was a rear end shunt caused by the following driver having believed the one in front had gone
- Unfortunately, an independent signal-controlled crossing cannot be installed safely given the proximity to the crossing and impact that would have on the operation of the junction

Therefore, a specific provision to improve pedestrian crossing facilities here does not feature in the programme of strategic junction improvements.