

Berkswell Parish Council

Solihull Housing Plan

Traffic Surveys in Balsall Common area

Dear Residents,

One of the requests made by Berkswell Parish Council in response to the Solihull Plan was that traffic surveys were conducted to justify any bypass for Balsall Common. The situation is complex with proposals for two bypasses. Firstly, proposals for a short bypass connecting the A452 to Hallmeadow Road through Barratt's Farm to the east of Balsall Common. Secondly a proposal for a bypass for a major link between the A46 and A45 made by Warwickshire and Coventry Councils.

We are advised by Solihull Council, that in the week commencing the 8th May, there will be traffic surveys at the major junctions within Balsall Common. These will be automated "loop" counts (wires across the road) and observed turning counts (people counting vehicles normally from video recording).

This data can inform the bypass considerations but will also provide updated data for consideration of 'haul' routes for HS2. The haul routes are not yet finalised and both Berkswell and Balsall Parish Councils are still working to achieve a better route for most of the planned traffic associated with building the line.

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