

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS FORUM FOR HARBOROUGH

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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE
CONSIDERATION OF THE INSTALLATION OF SCOOT IN MARKET
HARBOROUGH

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS,
TRANSPORTATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Background

1. Members will be aware of reports brought to the Harborough Highways Forum in 2007 regarding measures within Market Harborough to reduce congestion. One of these was the consideration of the installation of 'SCOOT' at various signalised junctions in the town, once identified improvement works had been carried out. An undertaking was given to bring a further report to the forum once considered. Given the length of time since the original report, it was felt appropriate to give Members an update.

SCOOT (Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique) is a system by which signalised junctions can be linked so as to improve the flow of traffic through the junctions and minimise the amount of stop/ start thereby reducing congestion and delays.

2. The two junctions under consideration:-
 - a) Northampton Road / Welland Park Road / Springfield St.
 - b) St Mary's Road / Kettering Road / Clarence St.

Present Position

3. Both junctions are included in a programme for improvements. In the case of St Marys Road, this is a complete redesign including full pedestrian facilities but 'SCOOT' cannot be considered for either junction until all works are completed.
4. However, improvements to both junctions are dependent on developer funding and this is not as yet available predominantly due to the present economic situation.
5. A further update will be given when appropriate.

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