

GMCA Questions

<p>The Second City Crossing was opened at the cost of £165 million by Metrolink in 2017. It was seen as offering greater capacity to cater for trams crossing the city and resilience.</p> <p>This year it has provided that resilience as planned maintenance work was twice carried out on the other city crossing.</p> <p>But to this day only one service, the Rochdale to East Didsbury, uses the Second City Crossing. Other services from Victoria to St Peter's Square continue to use the busy Shudehill/Piccadilly route.</p> <p>When will the Second City Crossing be used by other services on a regular basis?</p>	<p>Councillor Elliot Moss</p>	<p>Councillor Alan Quinn</p>
<p>The Second City Crossing provides significant resilience during engineering works in the City Centre and also serves us well during unplanned disruption such as protests in the City Centre, incidents, accidents or congestion across the city.</p> <p>The Second City Crossing is also used to support events or combinations of events, Parklife weekend being a good example when we have events taking place on the same day, and in some instances the same times and need to provide capacity for 140,000+ trips into and across the City Centre spanning several days.</p> <p>Rochdale Town Centre and Shaw & Crompton to East Didsbury services currently utilise the Second City Crossing, and there are plans for services on the Trafford Park Line to come into the City via this route towards the end of 2025.</p> <p>The options and resilience it provides to move these passengers in such volumes safely is invaluable.</p>		
<p>What is the evidence that spending £2.89 million in an Active Travel Scheme in Radcliffe provides effective use of public finance?</p>	<p>Councillor Luis McBriar</p>	<p>Councillor Alan Quinn</p>
<p>The Spring Lane proposals represent the first phase of Bury Council's £9m programme of transport improvements for Radcliffe and the plans were included within Greater Manchester's City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) funding proposals (approved by GMCA and Government in 2022).</p> <p>As outlined in GM's CRSTS Programme Case, the Radcliffe town centre scheme "targets transport investment to ensure regeneration developments emerging from the Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) come forward in a sustainable and cohesive manner.</p>		

The SRF includes delivery of a new Civic Hub, Market Chambers, a secondary school and approximately 500 new residential dwellings at key sites. The transport measures include improved facilities for bus, a number of junction improvements, green corridors and active travel enhancements that will ensure the new development sites are efficiently connected to existing communities providing a joined-up active travel and public transport network.

In line with the assurance process for GM's CRSTS programme, a full business case for the Spring Lane junction improvement scheme was submitted and reviewed by an independent TfGM officer panel against an agreed set of criteria. Following this review, the proposals were deemed to have demonstrated the appropriate strategic case, alignment with CRSTS funding objectives, value for money and deliverability for the scheme to progress.

additional information

The scheme will provide access to the new secondary school via the new CYCLOPs junction and the active travel elements of the school access road. The benefits of the scheme are driven by improvements to journey quality for pedestrians and cyclists due to the high-quality infrastructure improvements and health benefits associated with increased active travel.

Can an update be provided in relation to the response by GMFRS to Bonfire Night?

Councillor
Shahbaz
Arif

Councillor
Sandra
Walmsley

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Services have been undertaking bonfire and firework safety campaign across the region and firework safety information was provided to all the people that attended our spooktacular event at the Bury training and safety Centre, crews also undertook some community intervention and firework safety inspections.

Between the 1st – 5th November the Bury crews attended 40 incidents in total, although only 11 related to the category of outdoor incidents. A further, 11 were false alarms. In terms of volumes Bury, the incident level is the lowest across GMFRS with the highest levels seen in Wigan, Bolton, Salford and City of Manchester. No emergency response crews in the Borough came under any form of attack or violence, as unfortunately was seen elsewhere

Is the Radcliffe Neighbourhood policing team fully resourced?

Councillor
Jo
Lancaster

Councillor
Sandra
Walmsley

The establishment for the Radcliffe neighbourhood team under the neighbourhood Inspector is 1 Sergeant, 4 Police Constables and 3 Police Community Support Officers. As of 7th November 2024 this establishment is staffed with the exception of one Police Constable who has recently left the force and has not at this time been replaced. The Chief Superintendent,

Kirsty Oliver, is keen to achieve full establishment in the neighbourhood model in line with GMP's Vision. This situation is currently being reviewed at GMP Bury's fortnightly Resource management meetings in the context of the totality of operational requirements and at this time GMP cannot commit to a time frame for this role being filled.