

“Mile House Junction Improvements”

1. Major roadworks are to commence on 25th June 2007 to widen and reconstruct a section of the A177 Durham Road at it's junction with Darlington Lane , adjacent to the Mile House Hotel.
2. Some road closures and the use of temporary traffic signals will be necessary in order to construct the works which are expected to take approximately 12 weeks to complete.
3. For the duration of the roadworks it will be necessary to divert northbound traffic on the A177 Durham Road from the roundabout at it's intersection with the A 1027 Ring Road via the A1027 Ring Road towards Norton and back along Junction Road to the roundabout near Tesco. Access to properties on Durham Road between the roundabout on the A1027 Ring Road and Darlington Lane will be maintained at all times.
4. Information Signs have been erected around the Durham Road/Darlington Lane junction to advise of the forthcoming roadworks.
5. The main traffic diversion is shown on drawing number MH7.
6. Buses travelling northwards on the A177 Durham Road will be re-routed from the roundabout at the junction of Durham Road and the A1027 Ring Road , via the A1027 Ring Road Towards Norton -> left onto Darlington Lane -> right onto Ragpath Lane -> left onto Redhill Road -> back onto Durham Road.
7. Buses travelling southwards on the A177 Durham Road will continue as normal , the bus stop outside the Mile House Hotel will be out of use and relocated ... a sign will be displayed on the bus shelter to direct the public to the relocated position.

Implementation of Stage 1 of the Works on Monday 25th June 2007

1. Initial works (setting up temporary traffic signals etc ready for use) will commence approx 8.00am on Monday 25th June.
2. At approx 10.00 am it is planned to close the A177 Durham road northbound to through traffic and divert it as shown on drawing number MH7.
3. At the same time, signs will be uncovered around the diversion route and Darlington Lane will be closed to traffic between the entrance to Coral Bookmakers adjacent to the Mile House Hotel and the A177 Durham Road. The existing signals at the junction will be switched off and temporary signals will replace them. **The main impact of this will be that traffic travelling ‘west to east’ on Darlington Lane(i.e. Bells Stores to Mile House Hotel) will have to turn right and go down to the roundabout on the A1027 and along the A1027 towards Norton. This will last for approx 6 weeks.** Left turning traffic wanting to go up towards Sedgfield will still be able to do this movement (under temporary traffic signal control instead of the permanent

signals). **Traffic wanting to travel 'east to west' (Mile House Hotel to Bells Stores) will not be allowed. This traffic should now be following the diversion signs (diversion via A1027 towards Norton, back along Junction Road to the roundabout near Tesco, southwards on Durham Road and right turn back onto Darlington Lane).**

Stage 1 of the Works are expected to last approx 6 weeks, following which Darlington Lane will be opened to traffic wanting to go 'Bells Stores to Mile House Hotel'. However, traffic on Darlington Lane wanting to go 'Mile House Hotel to Bells Stores' will still need to follow the diversion noted above, although a left turn only movement will be available from Darlington Lane onto Durham Road via a Give Way.