

BACKGROUND TO POSTPONEMENT

The committee regret that the meeting arranged for Tuesday 18th February had to be postponed at the last minute.

The decision to postpone was not taken lightly but at the time it appeared to be the best option. The Church was fully booked and it was unfortunate that Birmingham City Council was unable to provide any officers to attend. This message reached us at 16:20.

Members of the committee were in the process of setting up for the meeting and discussions were held with the wider committee and it was felt that without the officers' present to answer questions there was little point in progressing with the meeting as the main focus was to be about the West Moseley Traffic Reduction Scheme (WMTRS). Representations were made to our councillors to ensure that the officers would be present at a future meeting and we were assured that every effort would be made to facilitate their attendance. It was therefore agreed to postpone on this clear understanding.

We now learn that BCC has taken the decision to end the consultation and that they will not be proceeding with the trial. The drop-in events have also been cancelled.

Our meeting, having been postponed to 25th February, will continue but the focus of the meeting will shift from the physical works to the process that brought us to this point. We attach a new agenda.

We remain hopeful that both the Councillors and officers previously invited will be in attendance this coming Tuesday. Unfortunately, Mat MacDonald of WMCA cannot be present due to his NHS work commitments.

We apologise again for the lateness of the postponement and any inconvenience caused but trust that you understand the predicament in which we found ourselves.

TICKETING

As regards ticketing and attendance, we ticketed the event as the room hired has a maximum capacity for reasons of Health & Safety etc. so we limited the tickets to 100. These were all reserved before the event. Whilst our notices called this an 'Open' meeting it was also made clear that it was ticketed but still we had people arrive at the venue after it had been postponed expecting to gain entry without a ticket.

Since the postponement we have edited the details of the date on Eventbrite and had a few cancellations and a few new reservations. At the moment we are fully booked. If you find you cannot or no longer wish to attend, please cancel your ticket via Eventbrite to enable others to take up your reservation.

We, the committee, remain committed to providing a platform for tolerant and reasonable discussion on the current topics of concern for all connected with Moseley.