

A417 Missing Link



Artist's impression of Barrow Wake entrance

The rerouting of the B4070 to Birdlip via Barrow Wake

Your feedback highlighted how important Barrow Wake is to local people and you asked us to take the opportunity to improve accessibility and make it a safer and more welcoming place to visit.

In 2019, we proposed to join the B4070 to the new road, via some fields near Barrow Wake and along an existing narrow lane in the vicinity of Birdlip Radio Station. There were, however, concerns about it crossing the repurposed A417, and the loss of agricultural land.

We've changed the alignment of the B4070. We're now proposing to use an existing underpass and Barrow Wake's access road, and replace the existing T-junction with a new, safer roundabout. We're also planning to resurface the car park and build new Cotswold drystone walls along the edge of the car park to minimise light pollution from cars at night and reduce the impact on Barrow Wake Site of Special Scientific Interest.

The changes will mean that the B4070 would no longer cross the repurposed A417, and the new roundabout would help slow traffic, increase the natural surveillance of the area and make Barrow Wake a more welcoming place to visit.