

THE FAMOUS MAIDENBOWER CHICANES

The development of *Maidenbower Village* was quite controversial in the late 1980s with many people concerned about the extra vehicles our roads.

Much thought was given to traffic calming measures in the new neighbourhood. The chicane system along *Station Hill* and *Billinton Drive* has long been controversial. Significant congestion occurs at peak times but traffic calming is achieved and “rat runners” are deterred from using this route. Downsides include miscalculations when vehicles try to “rush the chicanes”.

Various requests have been made over the years to remove the chicanes. Most recently, an open question was put asking what options there could be for improving traffic management for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians in this area, in the interest of showing fairness to everyone.

It is this kind of representation, made through collaborative working by your Conservative Councillors and Henry Smith MP, that has finally started a scheme that will remove the three most northerly chicanes on *Station Hill* and *Billinton Drive*. Traffic calming is still required on such a

long straight piece of road and this will now be achieved with speed cushions. There will also be improvements for pedestrians and cyclists.

**Work started on
19th October
and should last
for about five
weeks.**

