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THE MEADOWS ROUNDABOUT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we doing these works?

These improvements will address the capacity issues and increase access for all modes of transport.

High levels of congestion on this strategic road leads to significant and regular queuing on the A30, A331 and A321. The improvements to the Meadows roundabout will result in reduced travel time for key movements through the junction and make it work more efficiently.

What are the main benefits of this scheme?

We have carried out detailed traffic studies with our designers, Atkins Consultants, which have shown that the improvements to the roundabout will result in up to a 30% reduction in journey time across the roundabout in peak traffic hours.

How is this scheme being delivered?

Surrey County Council Highways are delivering this scheme. Mildren Construction Limited are the contractors carrying out the work on our behalf.

What are you doing about traffic exiting Tank Road that blocks the roundabout?

A 'keep clear' sign will be painted at the junction to stop vehicles blocking access to the roundabout.

How are you going to manage traffic congestion during the works?

To minimise congestion and delays during the main works, most activity – such as lane closures – will take place at night. Construction will be carried out in stages to ensure a continuous flow of traffic across the Meadows.

We are working closely with Highways England, Hampshire County Council and Bracknell Forest District Council to minimise impact on the M3 and neighbouring roads.

We are liaising closely with residents and businesses to try to understand the local issues and successfully deliver this scheme with minimum disruption.

Lessons have been learnt following the construction of the A331 shared pedestrian/cycle path which we recognise caused a high level of disruption in the area last autumn.

These works are really going to affect traffic in Blackwater/Hampshire, particularly Blackwater Bridge which already queues at peak times. Are the Blackwater traffic signals going to be linked to the Meadows ones?

Unfortunately the signals on Blackwater Bridge are outside of the scope of this project, however colleagues in Hampshire County Council are aware of residents' concerns.

We are working closely with Hampshire County Council to minimise disruption for vehicles travelling from the Blackwater area towards the Meadows.

Why can't you put two lanes in on the new southbound right-hand turn?

One right turn lane provides the best balance of lane configuration for the varying levels of traffic over an average 7 day week.

There is a limit on the amount of space available for construction as the land surrounding the Meadows is owned by the Environment Agency and is a natural flood plain.

What improvements are you making to the traffic signals?

We will be installing new traffic signals and vehicle detectors. When completed the new signals will operate under 'real-time' urban traffic control. This means that the vehicle detector on the ground will continuously monitor traffic queues on all road sections at the roundabout and adjust the signal timings to minimise queues and reduce delays.

Will you be painting 'keep clear' signs on any of the other junctions such as Station Approach/A321 Marshall Road?

No not at this time however this will be reviewed in future if necessary.

How will you keep us up to date with progress?

You can sign up to get information direct to your inbox by subscribing to receive our e-newsletters. There's a sign up box on www.A331.today webpage.

We will publish regular updates on our website. Please see: www.A331.today

You can also contact us using the email address meadows.improvements@surreycc.gov.uk or by phone on 0300 200 1003.

Was there a consultation carried out?

Unfortunately there are several constraints to the works on the Meadows which meant that public consultation was not possible for this project. Unlike Highways England's proposals for improvements to M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley we do not have a variety of options to consult on.

The limited budget and the location of the roundabout means that we have to design a scheme that gives the greatest improvements within budget and without encroaching on to Environment Agency land which surrounds the Meadows. This land is a natural flood plain and so construction is not allowed.

The Meadows improvement works were subject to a business case which was submitted and approved by The Local Enterprise Partnership in 2014. This followed independent assurance and scrutiny, and took into account benefits and affordability.

The business case was supported by Hampshire County Council, Bracknell Forest Council, Surrey Heath Borough Council, Rushmoor Borough Council and the York Town and Watchmoore Business Association.

Why can't you build a fly-over? Surely this is the only way to make long term improvements?

The proposed design gets the maximum benefits for residents from the money available. Flyovers are very expensive to construct and are unaffordable within the current project budget.