



Guildford Quality Bus Corridors January 2021 Newsletter

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Woodbridge Road bus lane scheme given the green light

After careful consideration of public feedback following public consultation between 24 July and 24 August 2020, a decision to go ahead with the Woodbridge Road bus lane scheme was approved by the Cabinet Member for Highways on Tuesday 13 October 2020.

Construction will get underway in the spring on a new and improved bus lane along Woodbridge Road, which will significantly improve bus journey times into Guildford town centre. The existing section of southbound bus lane to the north of the railway bridge will be extended by circa 200m to Gardner Road.

New on-street parking spaces will also be introduced opposite Gardner Road, in place of the current parking under the railway bridge where the road is narrower.

Woodbridge Road is a very well served bus corridor, ordinarily with 48 buses an hour at peak times. These improvements will make the bus a quicker and more reliable option for trips into Guildford town centre from Stoughton, Woodbridge Hill and Westborough.

Improvement works on your bus stops are underway

Work began in the autumn to make more bus stops across Guildford accessible, the first step in our plan for better bus stops in the town. This initial work introduced raised kerbs that reduce the step between the bus and the pavement, and more space for buses to pull in and line up with the pavement edge with the introduction of bus stop 'clearways'. These improvements will make the bus easier to use for everyone, and particularly those with reduced mobility, as well as those with small children or luggage.





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A bus stop at Stoughton Road Shops, showing completed works to install a new raised kerb and to raise and resurface the footway.

With this first step complete, the foundations are now in place for the shelters to be installed throughout 2021. These shelters will feature real-time bus departure displays, as well as providing new seating, lighting and improved information about the local bus network for those who are considering opting to try the local bus network as a more sustainable means of making trips around Guildford and the local area.





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Epsom Road update

Plans for the two junction improvements in Merrow (at the junction of Epsom Road and Bushy Hill Drive, and at the Park Lane Rondabout) are now complete. Construction is currently expected to take place in spring, working around the timing of other highway improvements and utility works planned in the Guildford area to avoid putting too much pressure on the town's road network at one time. The Epsom Road / Bushy Hill Junction is currently bottlenecking Guildford town centre-bound traffic, but the proposed improvements to the junction hope to alleviate congestion at the junction and improve journey times into Guildford town centre.

Computer simulation and modelling work has been undertaken on two proposed options for introducing a Guildford-bound bus lane in the vicinity of Merrow park & ride. A public consultation on this potential bus lane is planned for later this year, which will provide an opportunity for the public to have their say on proposals and for Surrey County Council to paint a picture of our ambitions to improve the Epsom Road corridor.

Stay up-to-date

This newsletter is correct as of 28 January 2021.

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