



## Guildford Quality Bus Corridors May 2021 Newsletter

Previous newsletters and full project information can be found on the <u>Guildford major transport schemes</u> page (available on the Surrey County Council website).

## Epsom Road improvement works now underway

As of the week commencing 12 April, Surrey County Council began planned works on the Epsom Road bus corridor. Works have commenced on the junction of Bushy Hill Drive and Epsom Road, where the junction is being realigned to improve the flow of traffic and therefore buses through the junction. The current pedestrian island on the northern side of the junction is being relocated further to the north to allow space for right-hand turning vehicles to wait to turn, which will help alleviate congestion for Guildford bound traffic and improve bus reliability. Crossing facilities will also be improved, making crossing at this junction safer for all. Our highways team are hard at work delivering these improvements in a way which minimises disruption. Further information about the works can be found using the <u>dedicated roadworks page for</u> the Epsom Road and Bushy Hill Drive junction improvement works.

Due to delays caused by an unidentified cable found on site, we have had to extend the duration of this job to the 14 of June. We have had to change the dates for the resurfacing work and we now aim to complete these from 8 to the 14 of June at night. The working hours for the resurfacing works will be 8pm to 6am under a road closure.

## Coming soon to a bus stop near you!

Brand new bus shelters featuring real time passenger information displays, seating and lighting will soon be installed across Guildford. Now that groundworks and work to improve the accessibility of bus stops has been finished, the first step in our plan for better bus stops in the town is completed. 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'. Over the summer months, new shelters with information displays will begin to be installed at <u>bus stops proposed for improvements</u> across Guildford. These stops were identified using a prioritisation exercise, ensuring that stops across Guildford's bus network most in need of being upgraded are prioritised. Improving the attractiveness of Guildford's bus stops not only makes it a more pleasant





experience for those who already use the network, but more importantly the network becomes more attractive to new patrons, helping increase bus patronage and drive down congestion linked to high traffic volumes in and around the town.



Works underway at the Epsom Road and Bushy Hill Drive junction, showing the new relocated pedestrian crossing.

## Stay up-to-date

This newsletter is correct as of 21 May 2021.

Regular updates and plans for the Guildford Quality Bus Corridor project and all of Surrey County Council's other major transport schemes can be found on the <u>Major</u> transport projects web page (available on the Surrey County Council website).

For further information or to report problems associated with the works please call the Surrey County Council contact centre on (telephone) 0300 200 1003.