

# Lower Earley Way Dualling

## Newsletter 1 - October 2018



Aerial view over junction of Lower Earley Way with Winnersh Relief Road

**We are pleased to introduce the first of a series of newsletters on the Wokingham Major Highways Programme. We encourage questions you may have about this programme, as well as your comments, suggestions and feedback on any aspect of this programme. You can find our contact details overleaf.**

### Major Highways Programme

Balfour Beatty is working on behalf of Wokingham Borough Council on Wokingham's Major Highways Programme, to help facilitate growth in the borough of Wokingham. In meeting the council's responsibilities to deliver new housing, the borough is committing substantial investment, secured from the developers, in a wide range of infrastructure. This comprises of new schools, open spaces and leisure facilities, community facilities and roads, amounting to approx. £1billion investments in total.

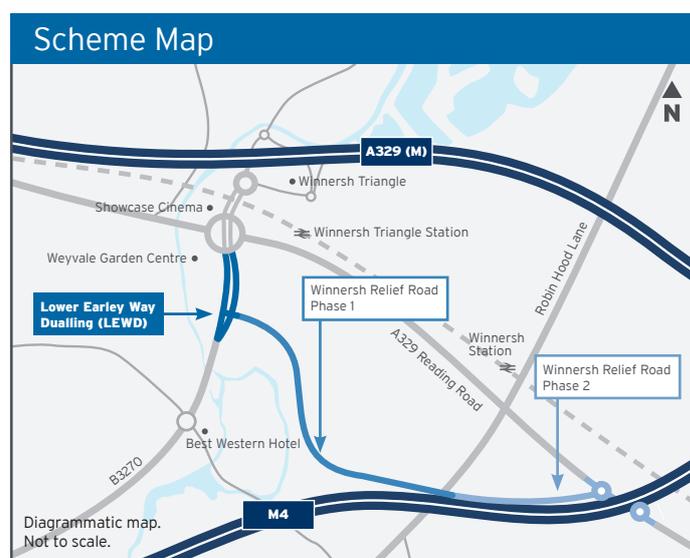
The £124m Highways Programme delivered under the SCAPE Procurement Framework includes the Arborfield Cross Relief Road (ACRR), Barkham Bridge improvements, Winnersh Relief Road - Phase 2 (WRR), Lower Earley Way Dualling and three projects which form the South Wokingham Distributor Road (SWDR); Eastern Gateway, Spine Road and Western Gateway, The programme also includes the West of Old Forest Road, Toutley Road and Ashridge Farm sections of the North Wokingham Distributor Road (NWDR). These projects are being completed alongside residential developer-led projects which will later connect together to form the completed road.

This programme is only part of the wider infrastructure that Wokingham Borough Council is committed to deliver; further information can be found at: [www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-developments/overview-of-major-developments](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-developments/overview-of-major-developments)

### Lower Earley Way Dualling

This project falls under the Wokingham Major Highways Programme. These works will involve widening of the road to provide two lanes in each direction, between the Loddon Roundabout (near Showcase Cinema) and the new junction with the Winnersh Relief Road. These dualling works are to accommodate the forecast traffic, which will be introduced by the completion of the Winnersh Relief Road (WRR).

We will realign the existing footway/cycleway and add a new footway to the eastern side of the road.



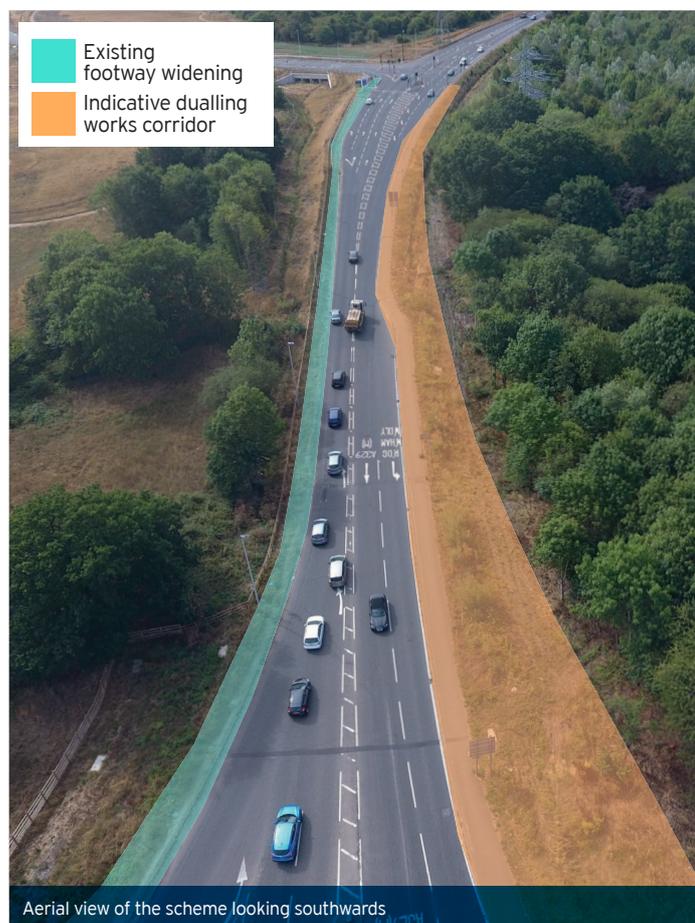
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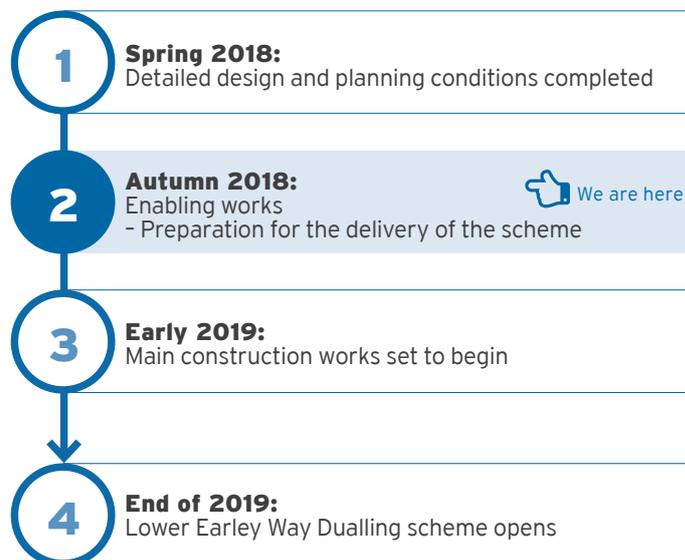
The works to deliver the Lower Earley Way dualling scheme will involve widening the northbound carriageway, including renewing the kerb, existing surface water drainage infrastructure, road markings, road signs and other street furniture. Finally, the road will be resurfaced throughout the entire limits of the scheme.

Detailed design started in Spring 2018 and enabling works are currently taking place to assess the site for accommodating the road dualling.

As part of the detailed design, a **Value Engineering** exercise was carried out. This has resulted in the reduction of the widening to the west side only. This has significantly improved the buildability of the scheme and has reduced the construction programme and costs whilst providing the required highway capacity and an improved pedestrian link between Hatch Farm and the Loddon Roundabout.



### » Design and Construction Timeline



### » Want to keep up to speed with the progress being made on our multi-million pound Major Highways Programme?

We'll be communicating further updates about the project via our e-newsletter. If you'd like to receive the Lower Earley Way Dualling e-newsletter, please send your details to [WRR@balfourbeatty.com](mailto:WRR@balfourbeatty.com)

We will only use your information and personal data for the purposes of sending the e-newsletter, and it will not be shared with any third party.

#### Contact Us:

Balfour Beatty has a dedicated telephone helpline who will be able to assess any issues and provide a response as applicable: **T: 0800 121 4444**

Alternatively, you can use the email address at [WRR@balfourbeatty.com](mailto:WRR@balfourbeatty.com) writing in the subject line: **Lower Earley Way Scheme.**

For more information regarding ongoing and new projects, please visit:

[www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-new-roads](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-new-roads)