

Wokingham Major Highways Programme Newsletter

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Major Highways Programme

Wokingham Borough Council have commissioned Balfour Beatty to deliver nine projects as part of Wokingham's Major Highways Programme, that aim to build vital new strategic roads and highway improvements which will help facilitate growth in the borough and alleviate congestion which we appreciate is a major concern. In meeting their responsibilities to deliver new housing, the council is committing substantial investment, secured from the developers, in a wide range of infrastructure. This comprises new schools, open spaces and leisure facilities, community facilities and roads, amounting to nearly £1 billion investment.

Keeping you up to speed

We understand that as residents and local businesses you want to be kept up to speed on the developments taking place in your borough and with this in mind we are producing a series of e-newsletters that will provide you with all the relevant information specific to each of the projects that make up the Major Highways Programme.

If you would like to receive updates on the progress of this multi-million-pound programme all you have to do

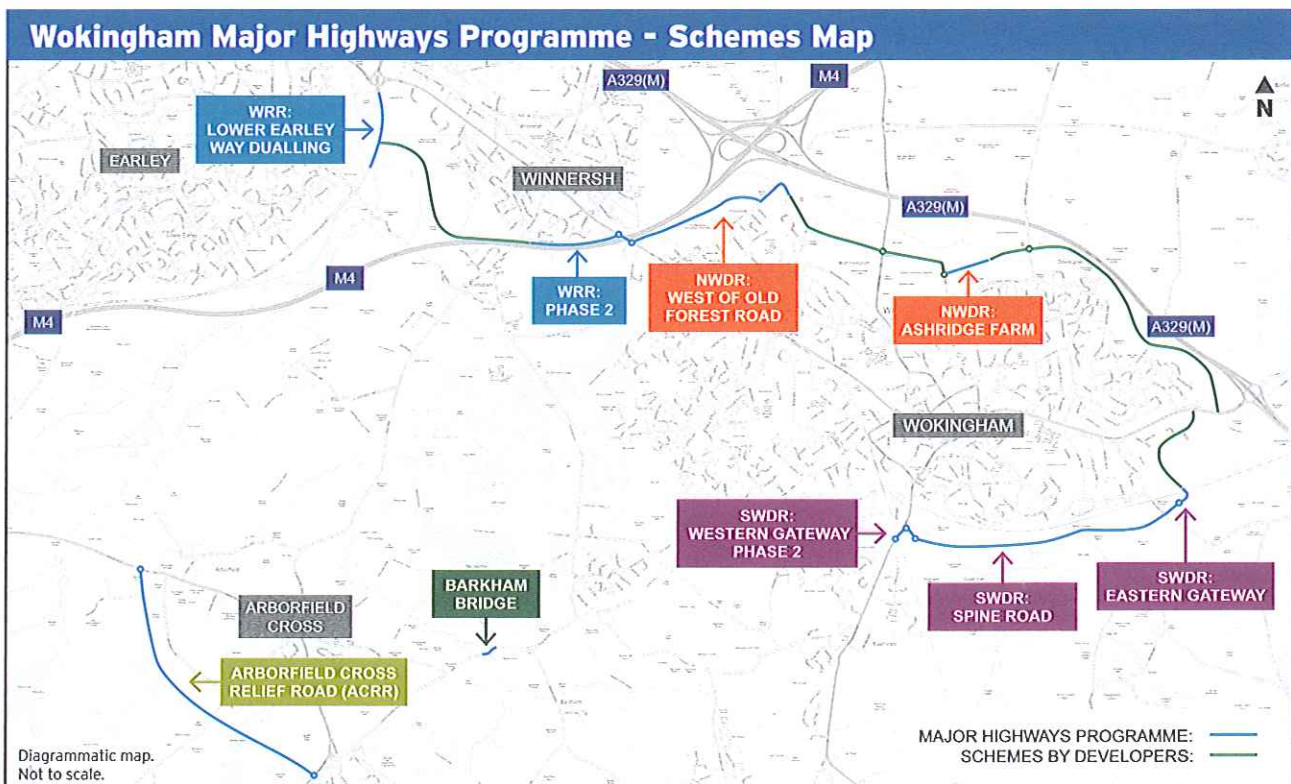
is to log on to our webpage at: www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-new-roads and select the project you are interested in.

The £124m Highways Programme delivered by Balfour Beatty under the SCAPE Procurement Framework includes the following projects:

- Arborfield Cross Relief Road
- Barkham Bridge Improvements
- Winnersh Relief Road phase 2, (including Lower Earley Way Dualling)
- South Wokingham Distributor Road (including Eastern Gateway, Spine Road, Western Gateway)
- North Wokingham Distributor Road (including West of Old Forest Road, Toutley Road, Ashridge Farm)

Using a framework to deliver the schemes allows for flexibility in the programme with the proviso that all works will be complete by October 2021. With that programme in mind, the borough has the flexibility to deliver each scheme in the most effective and efficient manner and with the least inconvenience possible.

Some of these projects are being completed alongside residential developer-led projects which will later connect together to form the completed road.



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ACRR: Arborfield Cross Relief Road

- The project team is currently planning a series of enabling works such as site clearance, setting up a compound and re-routing of utilities, beginning with archaeological investigations in Arborfield just north of the Swallowfield Road, near the site of a potential Iron Age settlement;
- The design of the proposed Green Bridge at bridleway ARBO17 was refined by amending its arch profile. This way, the structure will be better integrated into the hillside, improving landscaping opportunities and will likely not require piled foundations which will represent a cost saving;
- Construction is planned to start in Spring 2019.

WRR: Winnersh Relief Road Phase 2

- Planning approval for the scheme was granted at the Committee Meeting in October 2018;
- Work on detailed design is ongoing, with the intention to start early enabling works from later this year.

WRR: Lower Earley Way

- Detailed design started in Spring 2018 and following a cost-benefit re-design we managed to limit the required widening to the west side only. This has significantly improved the buildability of the scheme and has reduced the construction costs;
- Enabling works and site clearance are currently taking place with the construction works expected to begin early next year.

SWDR: Eastern Gateway

- Work continues on the detailed scheme design, with a view to start enabling works on site in early 2019;
- We plan to commence works in Summer 2019 and the road to be open for traffic by the end of 2020.

SWDR: Spine Road

- The planning application submission is scheduled for early 2019. In advance of this we will be holding a series of public information events to outline the scheme details;
- Subject to successfully obtaining planning permission and completing land acquisitions, we currently expect to commence enabling works in 2019 with the road opening for traffic in Spring 2021.

SWDR: Western Gateway

- Route refinement work is ongoing as part of preliminary design;
- Scheme delivery is likely to be dependent on permissible dates for Network Rail possessions.

Barkham Bridge

- The detailed scheme design is ongoing, currently focusing on revised flood modelling. The design is expected to be completed around Spring next year;
- As part of the project scope, we have included the refurbishment of the existing highway drainage system leading up to School Road. The project will likely have to

divert a section of the Thames Water main as part of the bridge works particularly in light of the recent burst in mid-August 2018.

NWDR: West of Old Forest Road

- The project is currently in the preliminary phase with a planning application due to be submitted by the end of 2018;
- Design refinement has already commenced on a variety of elements and the majority of investigations required for the project and planning application are now completed.

NWDR: Toutley Road

- Preliminary design is now near completion with the detailed design due to commence imminently;
- Enabling works are being planned including: vegetation clearance, utilities diversion and fence line adjustments.

NWDR: Ashridge Farm

- Work is ongoing on the preliminary design to support the planning application for this project which will be submitted early 2019;
- Currently, work is focusing on drainage design and flood modelling in line with planning authority and Environment Agency guidelines.

Contact Us

Got a specific question about one of our projects? Would you like to receive future updates and newsletters for a specific project? Please send your name and email details to as many of the email addresses listed below as you wish - specifying the name of the scheme you'd like to hear about.

North Wokingham Distributor Road schemes:
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Arborfield Cross Relief Road scheme:
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Barkham Bridge scheme:
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We look forward to hearing from you.

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