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## Transport for Attleborough High Street/Exchange Street junction

As part of the ongoing £4.5m Transport for Attleborough (TfA) project, which is set to improve all forms of transport and support planned growth in the town, work will start on Monday 2 September 2019 to improve the junction of High Street and Exchange Street in Attleborough. The changes will allow traffic to flow more smoothly and make it easier for pedestrians to cross the road. The work will take around nine weeks to complete subject to suitable weather conditions.

The work will include:

- A tidy-up of the traffic island which will see some of the clutter that has built up over the years removed which will improve visibility and the appearance of the junction
- Providing new pedestrian crossing points
- Widening of Connaught Road near to the High Street junction to allow for two lanes of traffic, and removing the need for vehicles to merge into one lane.
- Amending the junction alignment outside of the hairdressers to make it easier for large vehicles to turn into High Street from Connaught Road.
- Replacing sections of footway paving slabs to eliminate the current maintenance problems.
- Resurfacing the carriageway.

After feedback from local people and the county councillor we have carefully amended earlier plans which would have seen traffic lights installed at the junction. This also means the pedestrian crossing on the high street just south of the junction will remain in place.

To carry out these works safely, a road closure will be required for the duration of the project that prevents vehicles joining London Road from Connaught Road. Vehicles travelling from London Road to the town centre will be unaffected. And to minimise disruption resurfacing of the Connaught Road / Exchange Street / High Street junction will be carried out over one weekend towards the end of October. The exact

date will depend on how the weather has affected works progress. This resurfacing work will need the junction to be closed to all traffic however pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. A signed diversion route will be in place and 'businesses open as usual' signs provided for both road closures.

### **Additional information**

The Transport for Attleborough project which started in September 2018 has already seen Surrogate Street widened and converted to two-way, and the realignment of the Church Street and Connaught Road junctions.

Traffic lights have also been installed at the Church Street junction to help prevent long queues of traffic within the town centre and to make it easier for pedestrians to cross the road. Other improvements to pedestrian facilities include three new zebra crossings and widening of pavements next to the church on Surrogate Street, and next to the shops on Church Street. And following the improvements to Surrogate Street the town has seen fewer vehicles turning into the High Street from Connaught Road. Improvements to Queens Square car park are progressing well and are expected to be completed by the end of August. The works will increase the overall number of parking spaces.

In addition to the junction and car park improvements, the area to the front of the town hall is set to be revamped, and improvements made to the Queens Road/Exchange Street junction to allow a fairer and more even flow of traffic. This work is expected to get underway later in the year. Better parking and bus facilities at the railway station are also on the way and an extension to the existing shared use pedestrian and cycle path on London Road is likely to take place in 2020.

The County Council thanks people for their patience whilst these improvements are carried out. The work will be carried out by Norfolk County Council's Community and Environmental Services Department and their contractors.

For more information on the Transport for Attleborough project visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/tfa](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/tfa)

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### **Background information**

The work is part of Transport for Attleborough, a major project to improve all forms of transport and support planned growth in the town.

The project has received £4.5 million of Local Growth Fund (LGF) funding from the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership. A public consultation was carried out in 2017 to seek views on potential schemes and help prioritise the delivery of projects.

### **For Further Information**

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