

Transport for Attleborough – cycling and walking improvements on London Road

The fourth and final phase of the £4.5m Transport for Attleborough project which is set to improve all forms of transport and support planned growth in the town is to start in November.

This phase of work will improve cycling and walking facilities on London Road, helping make journeys to the school, homes, and to the town centre, easier in the future along this increasingly busy route. Plans include widening the pavements and converting them to a shared pedestrian and cycling facility, new paving, realigned junctions, and a new traffic light controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing near to Chapel Road. Details of the work:

- Widening the existing pavement on the northern side of London Road between Chapel Road and West Carr Road and converting it to a shared use pedestrian and cycling facility. The existing on-street parking will not be affected by this proposal.
- Installing a new traffic light-controlled pedestrian and cycling crossing on London Road near to the Chapel Road junction.
- Realigning the junctions of St Edmund Gate, Sheppard Way and Police Houses Access Road.
- Resurfacing the road where the work has taken place.

To ensure the safety of road users and our contractors a number of temporary changes to the parking and temporary road closures will be required while work is underway:

- London Road – 23 November 2020 for 17 weeks: A temporary parking suspension on London Road to prevent vehicles parking within the construction area. The area where people will temporarily be unable to park will move along London Road as the works progress.
- Chapel Road – 23 November for 4 weeks: The junction of Chapel Road with London Road will be temporarily closed to vehicles while works at this junction are completed – a signed diversion route will be in place.
- London Road – dates to be confirmed: To allow the road resurfacing to be completed it will be necessary to close the entire length of London Road towards the end of the construction programme. Further details of timings will be provided nearer the time.

The work which will be carried out by Norfolk County Council's Community and Environmental Services Department and its contractors, is expected to cost approximately £600,000. Norfolk County Council thanks people for their patience while these improvement works are carried out.

For Further Information

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Background information

The work is part of the Transport for Attleborough project with the key aim 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.

Phase 1 – Starting in 2018 Surrogate Street was widened and converted to two-way, and Church Street and Connaught Road junctions were realigned to reduce congestion and improve pedestrian safety in Attleborough town centre, and reduce the number of right turning vehicles at Connaught Road and Exchange Street junction.

Traffic lights were 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.

Phase 2 – In 2019 the second phase of the Transport for Attleborough project saw improvements of Queens Square car park to make better use of the available space, improvements of Queens Road to the Sports hall pavement, and improvements of High Street Exchange Street junction.

Phase 3 – Early in 2020 the third phase of the Transport for Attleborough project started which saw pedestrian facilities improved on Church Street by widening the pavements. In addition, the area of Queens Square saw changes to the access arrangement into Queens Square car park to minimise through traffic within Queens Square and make the area better for pedestrians.

Final phase - Improvements to cycling and walking on London Road. This work is expected to be completed early 2021.

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