London Road cycleway FAQs

What is the London Road cycleway?

- A project to install dedicated cycleways on both sides of London Road, Wokingham, between Binfield Road and William Heelas Way.
- By temporarily removing the unused space in-between the two lanes, we will be able to provide on carriageway cycle lanes without losing any vehicle capacity on the road.
- In 2017 work was completed between Aspen Place and Station Approach, including major work on the kerbs and re-aligning the carriageway. This was the most recent phase of the works.
- It follows previous phases of the work between the Three Tuns and just beyond Winnersh Crossroads between 2014 and 2016.
- Once it is completed, the new route links Newbury, Reading, Wokingham, Bracknell and Ascot – forming a new National Cycle Route (NCN422).
- It will fulfil Wokingham Borough Council’s commitment to provide a portion of the new national cycle route between Reading and Windsor Great Park.

What will happen when the work takes place?

- The work will be completed in 11 phases, as we move along the carriageway into town, but work moving towards William Heelas Way.
- We will then work along the carriageway travelling away from Wokingham town centre. This will start at the William Heelas way junction and move back towards Wokingham.

When is it happening?

- Work is due to start on 25 May 2020
- We expect the total amount of time on the project to be six months to completion.
- The first phase will see us start outside St Crispin’s School during half-term and work our way down to William Heelas Way, expecting to complete.
- We then go in reverse from William Heelas Way back up London Road towards Wokingham town centre.
- There will be overnight road closures towards the end of the project, as we resurface the entire road.

What’s the traffic management?

- The council has worked with its contractor to minimise disruption and traffic flows on this key route in and out of Wokingham.
- During the first week of the construction we will be removing the central reservations and hatched areas along London Road so traffic can flow both ways easily, as far as possible.
- By doing this we remove the need for lane closures or temporary traffic lights, as far as possible, meaning the new cycleway can be constructed while creating as little congestion as possible.

Will there be road closures?

- Yes but these will be overnight (8pm-6am) and towards the end of the project. Residents who live in the area will communicated with directly near the time.
How is it being funded?

- The total cost of the project is £3.8 million. This is being funded by the Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership and the local authorities involved – including West Berkshire, Reading, Wokingham, Bracknell Forest and Windsor and Maidenhead.

How are residents being communicated with?

- Signs will be put up to say that the work will take place on the roads. The council will also send you a notification letter in advance of work starting.
  - This will include:
    - how you can access your property during the works
    - if any road closures or diversions are needed
    - what the expected start and finish dates are
    - what the site working hours will be
    - what type of work we will carry out
    - what will change or improve.
  - With the London Road project we are intending to carry out two letter drops, the first in March as a forward warning for residents. A second letter will be delivered in May with more definitive dates and information ahead of work beginning on 25 May.

I live on London Road, will access to my property be blocked?

- In most cases you will be able to use your drive.
- You may need to wait for the site team to move equipment so you can enter your drive.
- If it unsafe to enter the site and access your property, then access will be prevented until it is safe.
- If in doubt please park in a safe location and speak to the site foreman who can provide approximate timings.

Tell me about the wider project

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Can I get updates?

- There will be some information updated via the dedicated webpage for the project. This can be found here: https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/major-new-roads/a329-cycleway/
- Some updates will be provided via our dedicated Wokingham Borough Council – Traffic and Travel social media pages. These can be found: www.facebook.com/wokinghamroadworks and www.twitter.com/WBTCTrafficAlert