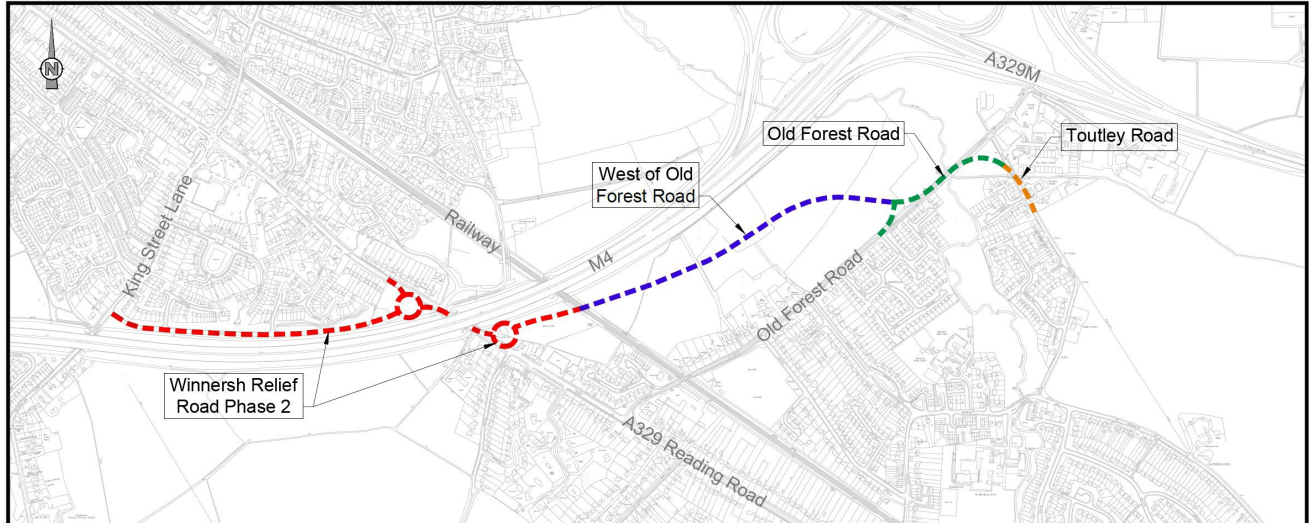


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» Work to date

As in the first quarter, works are continuing to progress well across all sections of the project in the second quarter too, and we remain on track to complete the scheme by summer 2022. The switch from works on Old Forest Road to Toutley Road in April went smoothly, whilst works on the new Network Rail bridge and new road linking to it continue to schedule. Traffic on the Reading Road is now flowing through the new North roundabout and is also benefiting from the opening in early May of the new extension to Longdon Road from the junction of King Street Lane. Works on the new South roundabout continue at pace, with traffic now also flowing through this section of road, with completion planned for October 2021.

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» Winnersh Relief Road

Works on Winnersh Relief Road continue to progress well, with the installation of the new electrical substation now complete. Other works, including Thames Water, SGN and Vodafone diversions have also been completed. The North Roundabout tie into Reading Road was recently completed, and works at the South Roundabout are ramping up with road surfacing and improvements works to nearby junctions. Completion of all road works on the Reading Road is anticipated to happen in Autumn 2021.



Aerial view (above left) of the new Northern roundabout linking onto Reading Road (adjacent to the M4) . New section (above right) of Longdon Road is now open and being used by traffic.



Aerial view (above) of the new Southern roundabout linking onto Reading Road (adjacent to the M4), this is now open to traffic. Pavement construction has started at the south roundabout, the install of the drainage and service ducts has now been completed.

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» Network Rail Bridge

Works continue at pace on and around the new Network Rail bridge. Photos below show the “Backfill” operation being carried out to link the bridge structure and the new road. During the backfilling, the soil is compacted back into the foundation. The bridge deck and parapet works are also near completion.



Aerial view (above left) of the new bridge. Above right, new section of road that will link in to Toutley road is taking shape.



Sian making good on Eastside abutment



Area now clear ready for next stage of works on Eastside

Above left: Finishing touches being applied to the bridge walls. Above right: Site area being cleared to allow next phase of works to commence.

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» Old Forest Road / Toutley Road

Recent weather conditions allowed the connecting of the swales and new water routing at Toutley Road to be completed. Swales are natural or man-made linear depressions (or ditches), usually grass covered, with shallow-sloping sides.

Other works recently completed include: Excavating swales and flood relief channel; site clearance works on Toutley Road; Installing headwalls and edging kerbs; installing combined drainage & road kerbs; and installing flood bunds and footpath to park area. The project team reopened Old Forest Road and switched the closure to Toutley Road in early April 2021.



Top right & below left: West of Old Forest Road being prepared for final surface in mid July 2021. A new drainage system and kerbs have already been installed in the new road that links into Old Forest Road. Top left & below right: The SANG is also now flourishing.



Works continue in Toutley Road, with sheet piling now installed, works can commence to install the new bridge over the Ashridge stream. Utility works are also progressing well with BT recently on site to complete their element of works.

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» Upcoming Works

These tables show planned works, split by section of road, between now and end of this project. Please note these are indicative dates and are subject to change at short notice.

Reading Road	
South Roundabout	October 2021
Expected Completion of Overall Scheme	Spring 2022
West of Old Forest Road	
New Road Back-fill and Surfacing	July— October 2021
Expected Completion	Autumn 2021
Toutley Road	
Brief Description of Works	
Main Construction	Spring 2022
Expected Completion of Overall Scheme	Spring/Summer 2022

» Upcoming Traffic Management Works

Period	Peak/Off-Peak	Location	Section of Road
July - October 2021	Off-Peak	Reading Road	Temporary traffic lights
April 2021 – November 2021	Full road closure	Toutley Road	Full road closure

Daily public safety will remain a priority, as will access to the Emergency Services. Additionally, access for local residents will remain open at all times.

Council relaunches traffic and travel social media to keep residents up to speed

Wokingham Borough Council's 'Traffic and Travel' social media accounts, dedicated to keeping residents up to speed with the roadworks around the borough that may affect their journey times, have been relaunched. You can follow the council's traffic and travel 'social' pages by visiting:

www.facebook.com/WokinghamRoadWorks and www.twitter.com/TrafficAlert



Also, for more information on roadworks you can visit one.network, an online platform which provides the latest information about upcoming works.

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