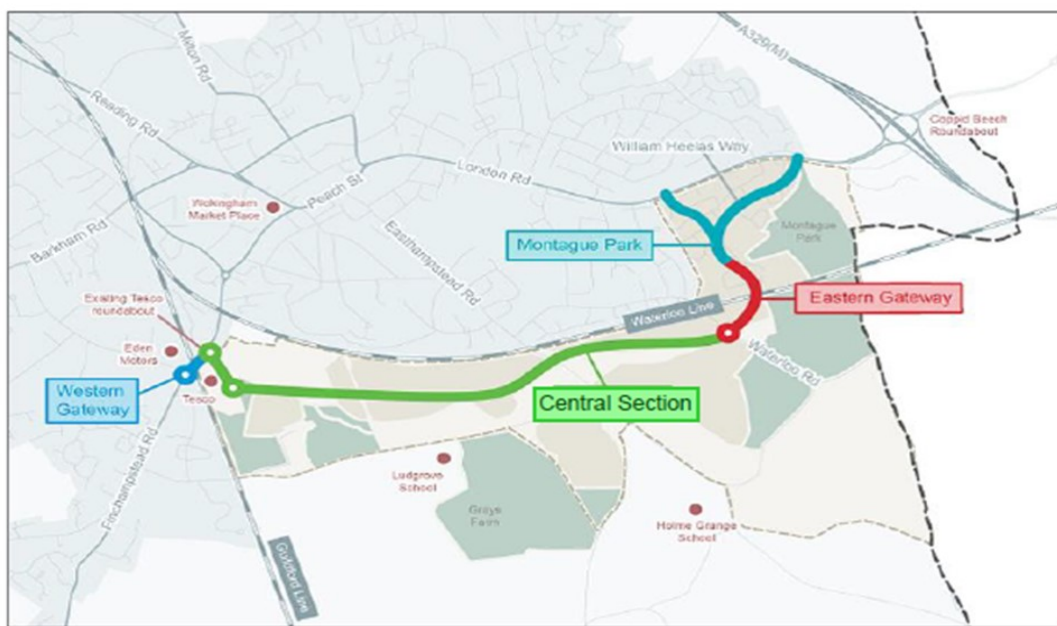


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» Works Overview

The Eastern Gateway will provide improved access to planned new housing within the South Wokingham major development and help to reduce congestion within the surrounding area by providing a new railway bridge to replace the current Waterloo Road level crossing. It will also ensure a high-quality corridor for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport.

Since July, works have continued on schedule with works on both the new roundabout and ponds now complete. Currently, the project team are fully focused on completing work on the new road that links it to the new railway bridge. The bridge deck has been waterproofed and the remaining works on the bridge should be completed by December 2021. Waterloo Road will remain closed until all works are complete (currently early 2022). Until then the current diversion route via Old Wokingham Road /Peacock Lane will remain in place. When complete, the new road will offer improved access to and from London Road via Heelas Way and over the new bridge at which point the Waterloo level crossing at Clay Lane can also be permanently closed.

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» Waterloo Road Roundabout & Carriageway Works

Whilst Waterloo Road has been closed, works have concentrated on building the new section of road and the construction of the new roundabout, both of which have completely changed the look of the work site area. Over the next couple of months, the site will change again, as the remaining sections of roads and footpaths are surfaced and landscaped.



Aerial view of the new roads, roundabout, ponds and the realigned stream.

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» New Rail Bridge & Retaining Walls

With the North and South wingwalls constructed and the bridge in place, the project team worked hard to complete the “Backfill” operation. This work has now been successfully completed to plan. The focus now is to complete the surface area that links the new sections of road to the new bridge and then lay the final road & footpath surfaces.



Aerial view of the new railway bridge and works being carried out to prepare the new road for the laying of the final road & footpath surface.



Above Left photo shows the wheelchair access ramp being constructed along the wingwall.

Above Right photo shows the “Backfill” operation in progress and the waterproofed bridge deck.

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» Upcoming Works

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

Waterloo Road	
Brief Description of Works/Key Milestones	
Main carriageway construction	January 2021 - January 2022
Waterloo Road realignment and new road link main construction	March 2021 – March 2022
Expected Completion of Overall Scheme	March 2022

» Upcoming Traffic Management Works

Period	Peak/Off-Peak	Location	Section of Road
March 2021 - March 2022	Full Road Closure	Waterloo Road	From Priest Ave Through to 'Oakwood Climbing Centre'

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.

Keep up to speed with the Council's traffic and travel social media

Wokingham Borough Council's 'Traffic and Travel' social media accounts are dedicated to keeping residents up to speed with the roadworks around the borough that may affect their journey times. 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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If you know of anyone in your local community who does not have access to the internet but would like to receive this e-newsletter, please let us know. Wokingham Borough Council, in partnership with Balfour Beatty have a dedicated project team should you have any questions or concerns. E-mail us at SWDR@balfourbeatty.com or telephone 0800 121 4444.

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