

South Wokingham Distributor Road (SWDR)

Western Gateway (WG)

» Pre-Planning Engagement

This leaflet provides an update on the work completed so far to develop the planning application for the Western Gateway; the final phase of the South Wokingham Distributor Road (SWDR).

The Western Gateway scheme seeks to add capacity to the Finchampstead Road / Molly Millars Lane junction by providing a new roundabout.

» The bigger picture

Wokingham Borough Council is committed to the development of 2,500 new homes in the South Wokingham Strategic Development Location (SDL). The aim of the planned SWDR is to:

- Provide access to development within the South Wokingham SDL;
- Allow dispersal of traffic within the street network, thus relieving some pressure on the town centre;

- Act as a corridor for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport; and
- Become a key public street within Wokingham.

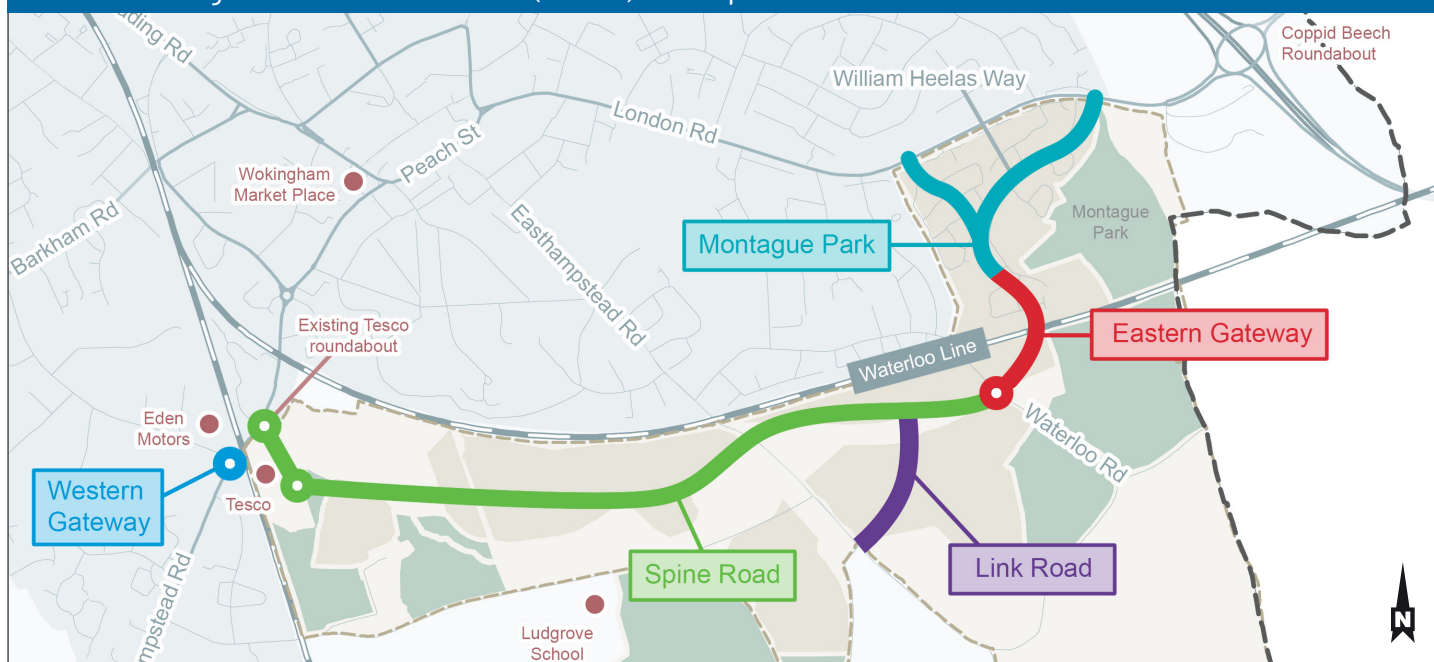
Phase 1 of the SWDR (William Heelas Way from London Road) has already been built (by David Wilson Homes) as part of the Montague Park.

The Eastern Gateway is the second phase, which extends William Heelas Way southwards, over the railway line to connect to Waterloo Road. It obtained planning permission in February 2018 and construction is currently on-going.

On completion of Eastern Gateway and presuming the planning application for the rest of the SWDR is approved, the SWDR will link the new Waterloo Road roundabout to Finchampstead Road via a series of junctions and a new bridge over the Emm Brook.

A planning application for the final phase, Western Gateway, is expected to be submitted in early 2020.

South Wokingham Distributor Road (SWDR) route plan



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» Scheme Description

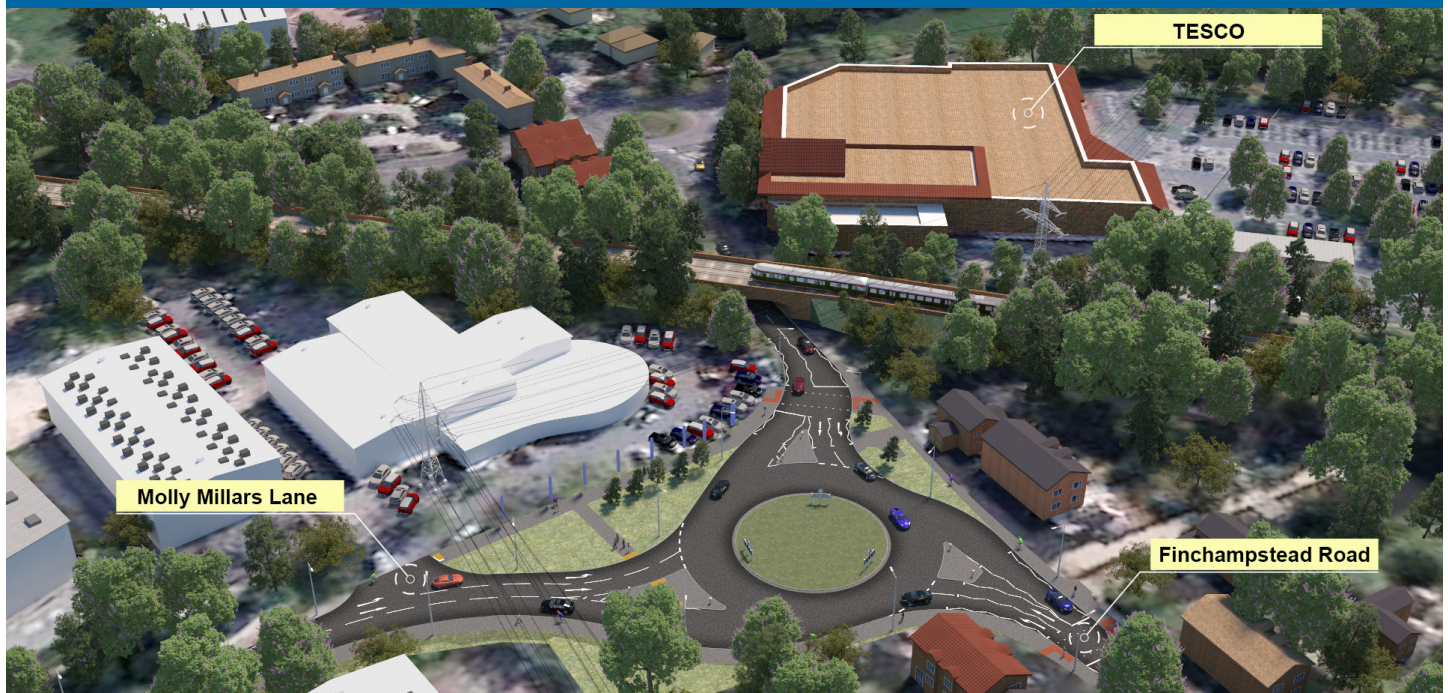
The proposed improvement works include:

- A new “offline” roundabout to replace the existing mini roundabout;
- Realigning the roundabout entrance/exit arms;
- Provision of new road markings, signage and street furniture;

- Relocating the existing signal controlled pedestrian crossings as well as the introduction of a new signal controlled pedestrian crossing on the Finchampstead Road north arm.

In order to facilitate construction of the new larger roundabout, it would be necessary to demolish up to four residential properties located to the south west of the existing mini-roundabout.

Artist's impression of the proposed Western Gateway scheme



What happens next?

Please provide any comments using the feedback form, either at the exhibitions or online. You can visit the website to read the detailed technical reports on the SWDR and frequently asked questions.

Search 'SWDR' at www.wokingham.gov.uk

The deadline for feedback is 13th March 2020.

Your feedback will be analysed and submitted as an addendum to the Statement of Community Engagement which will be submitted as part of the planning application.

Thank you for visiting our exhibition.