

South Wokingham Distributor Road (SWDR)

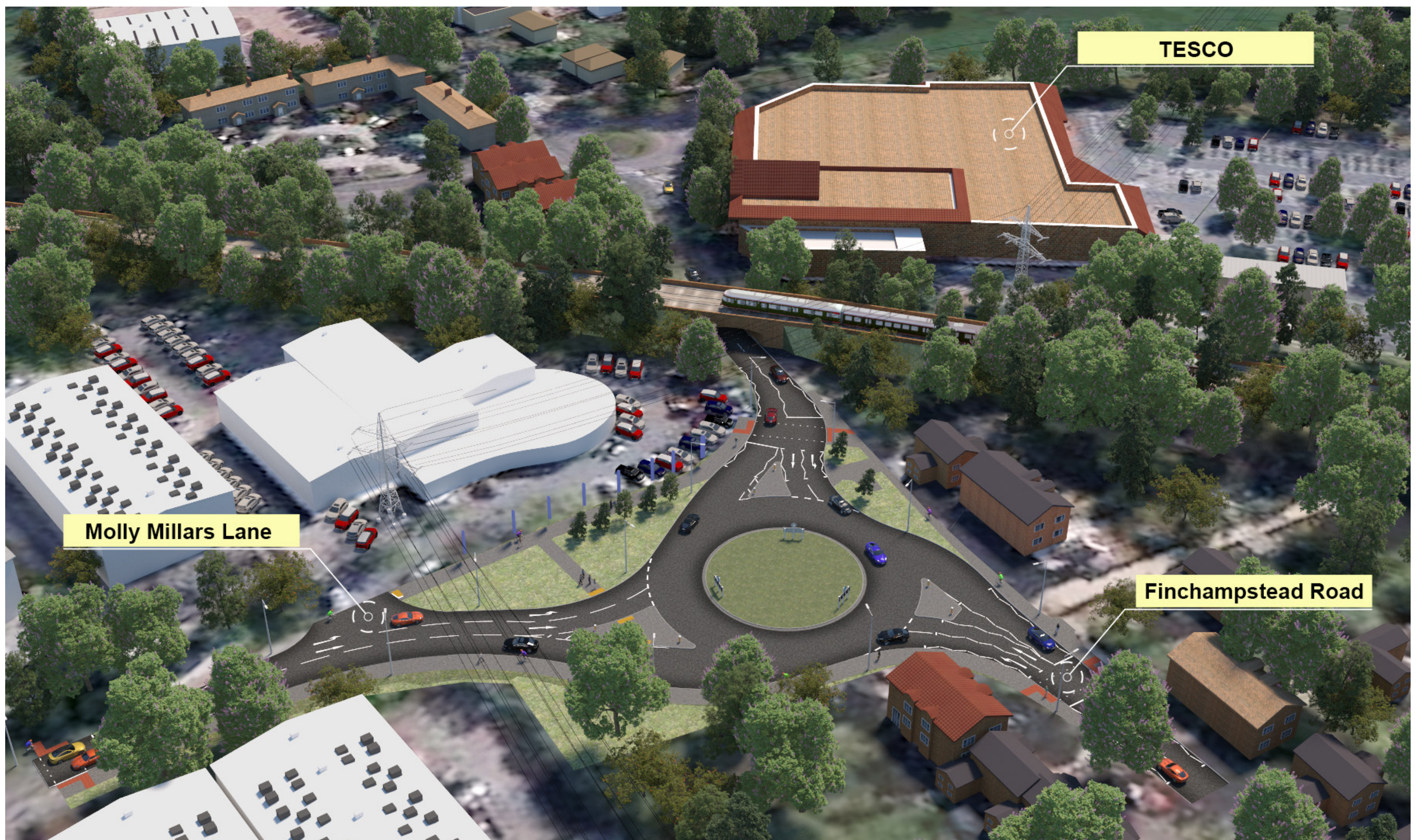
Western Gateway

» Pre-Planning Engagement

These display boards provide 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 display boards also provide a summary of the proposal, some key images and drawings, and anticipated timescales for delivery.

The works at Western Gateway constitute of highway improvements at the Molly Millars Lane / Finchampstead Road junction.



Artist's impression of the proposed Western Gateway Scheme.

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» 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.

The route of the SWDR between Waterloo Road and Finchampstead Road was chosen following public consultation in 2014. 81% of respondents agreed with Option B (central route) shown below. This was further refined in 2018 based on site surveys taking account of environmental constraints, traffic and planning requirements.

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.

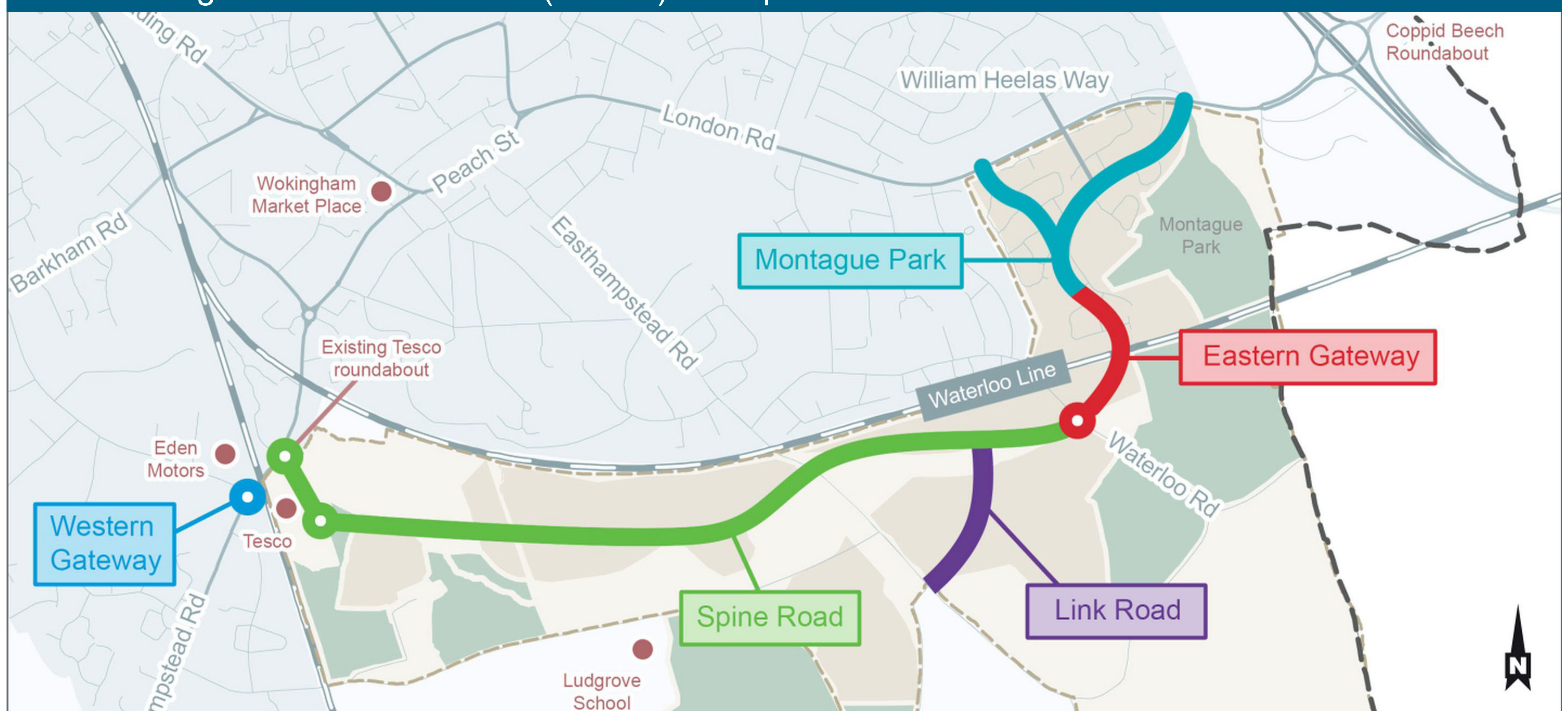
The Eastern Gateway is the second phase, which extends William Heelas Way southwards, over the railway line to connect to Waterloo Road. This section is currently under construction.

A planning application was submitted for the central section (Spine Road) and is currently under consideration.

On completion of the 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.

The final phase, the Western Gateway, will constitute highway improvements along at the Molly Millars Lane/Finchampstead Road junction.

South Wokingham Distributor Road (SWDR) route plan



South Wokingham Distributor Road (SWDR) Western Gateway

» The proposed scheme

The proposed highway 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 the new larger roundabout it would be necessary to demolish up to four residential properties located to the west of Finchampstead Road.



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» Planning Application

The Planning Application will include a Transport Assessment as well as a number of supporting assessments and documents.

The planning application will draw upon all of our baseline surveys, and will be developed to meet national and European guidance.

Glossary:

- EA Environmental Agency
- EclA Ecological Impact Assessment
- ES Environmental Statement
- LVIA Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
- NMU Non Motorised User
- PA Planning Application
- TAR Transport Assessment Report

Flood Risk



Tasks undertaken:

Our consultants has modelled the effects of storm events across the catchment area and has prepared a drainage strategy to accommodate and store this run off.

Output:

Flood Risk Assessment.

Transport Assessment



Tasks undertaken:

- Transport Assessment to explore the levels of traffic predicted in the future with and without the proposed scheme

Output (docs to be submitted as part of PA):

Transport Assessment Report.

Ecology



Tasks undertaken:

- Baseline ecological surveys undertaken including:
- Habitat surveys and ground level tree inspection
 - Bat activity surveys

Output (docs to be submitted as part of PA):

Ecological Appraisal

Air Quality



Tasks undertaken:

- Baseline desktop survey
- Modelling assessment of Air Quality impacts

Output (docs to be submitted as part of PA):

Air Quality Assessment

Landscape



Tasks undertaken:

Baseline assessment and impact assessment identifying where landscape mitigation is required.

Output (docs to be submitted as part of PA):

Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Arboricultural Method Statement and Landscape Mitigation Design.

Noise



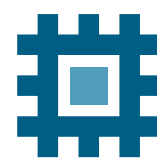
Tasks undertaken:

- Mitigation measures developed based on likely noise levels
- Noise model used to predict the level of noise and vibration

Output (docs to be submitted as part of PA):

Noise Assessment

Heritage



Tasks undertaken:

- Desk-based assessment


Output (docs to be submitted as part of PA):

Heritage Chapter in Environmental Statement.

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» Timeline

Eastern Gateway	1	August 2014: SWDR route options consultation; Option B (Central route) identified as the preferred option
	2	2014/2015: Option B and early delivery of the Eastern Gateway agreed by our Executive
	3	2015/2016: Eastern Gateway baseline surveys/ investigations, stakeholder engagements, design development
	4	Autumn 2017: Planning Application submitted
	5	Spring 2018: Eastern Gateway planning application determined
	6	Autumn 2019: Eastern Gateway detailed design completed
	7	Late Autumn 2019/20: Construction of the Eastern Gateway commenced
	8	Autumn 2021: Eastern Gateway Open for Traffic
The rest of South Wokingham Distributor Road	9	2017/2018: SWDR baseline surveys/investigations, stakeholder engagements, design development
	10	Summer 2019: Exhibitions showing SWDR planning application proposal for the central section (Spine Road).
	11	Autumn 2019: Planning application submission for the central section (Spine Road).
	12	February 2020: Exhibitions showing SWDR planning application proposal for the Western Gateway 
	13	Spring 2020: Planning application submission for the Western Gateway
	14	Summer 2020: Planning applications expected to be determined
	15	Winter 2020: Completion of detailed design
	16	Winter 2020: Detailed construction programme to be prepared

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 and frequently asked questions.

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

The deadline for feedback is **13 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.

There will be a statutory consultation period. The feedback received during this period will be officially logged and taken into consideration by the local planning authority when determining the application.

Thank you for visiting our exhibition.

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