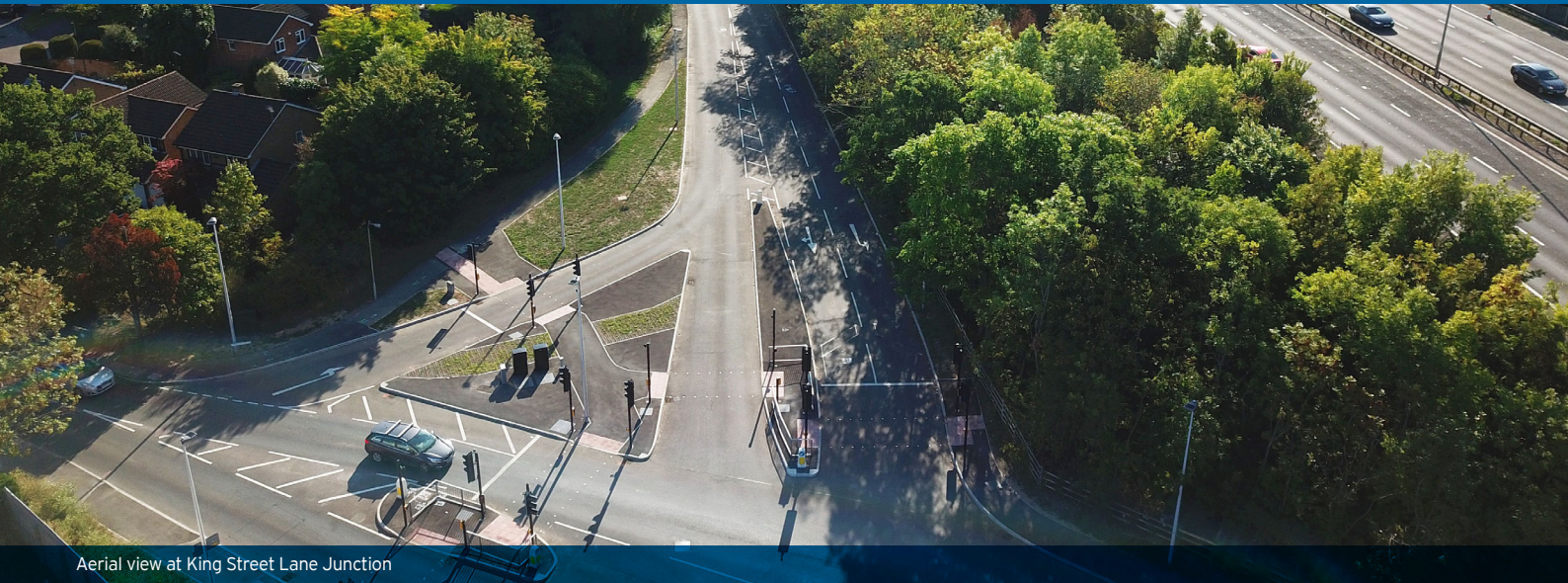


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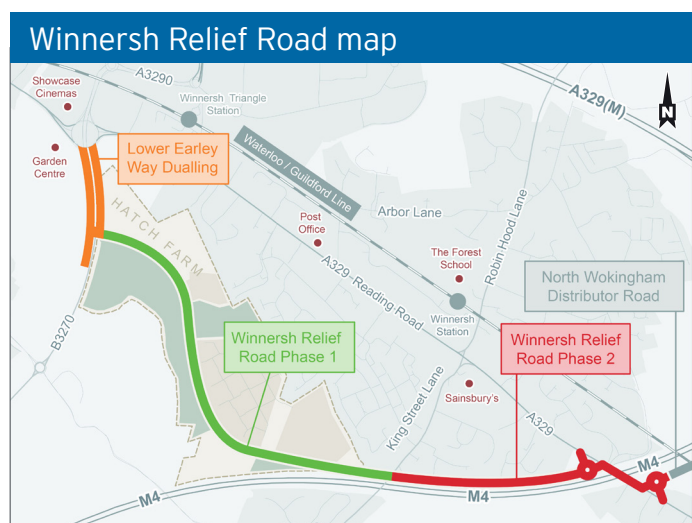


Aerial view at King Street Lane Junction

**Welcome to our latest newsletter about the Winnersh Relief Road (WRR), part of Wokingham Borough Council's Major Highways Project. We welcome any questions you may have as well as your comments, suggestions and feedback. Our contact details are on the last page.**

As shown on the map below, WRR consists of three separate schemes:

- WRR Phase 1 (shown in green)
- WRR Phase 2 (shown in red)
- Lower Earley Way Dualling (shown in orange).



Once completed, the route will improve journey times, assist in reducing congestion through Winnersh and provide network resilience to our existing road network. It also provides additional capacity to the network, which will help the Borough meet its objectives for economic growth and job creation, in line with its adopted Core Strategy.

**WRR Phase 1** opened in June 2018 and was a developer-led project connecting the B3270 Lower Earley Way to the B3030 King Street Lane. Further details of this scheme can be found on our [website](#).

**WRR Phase 2**, will connect the B3030 King Street Lane to the A329 Reading Road Lower and construction is due to start at the end of the year. It will include an extension to the existing Longdon Road and a new roundabout junction location on the A329 Reading Road, north of the M4 overbridge and a second to the south. The south roundabout will be constructed at the same time and will provide the A329 Reading Road connection to the West of Old Forest Road NDR scheme that has recently received planning consent.

The first stage of enabling works largely comprised of vegetation clearance and was completed on schedule in April 2019. Utility diversions are planned to start in the early summer before the main construction works begins during the winter.

Delivery of this scheme, which is planned to be open for traffic in Autumn 2020, is being aligned with works on the west of Old Forest Road/Toutley Road. This will maximise the efficiency of delivery, avoid unnecessary duplication of resources and, where possible, minimise disruption to road users.

For further information and updates please visit: [www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/major-new-roads/](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/major-new-roads/)



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**Lower Earley Way Dualling** has been under construction since February 2019 and involves widening the road between the Loddon Roundabout, near Showcase Cinema, and the new junction with the Winnersh Relief Road. The existing footway/cycleway is being realigned and a new footway is being created on the eastern side of the road.

Night works on Lower Earley Way to trace and realign a large gas mains



The first stage of the work - the construction of the southbound footpath which began in February 2019 - is now largely complete. Work has now switched to the northbound carriageway and the main widening works.

Work is now largely complete on the new Southbound footway



Following a short bedding in period with the new temporary arrangements, signal timings on the roundabout have been reviewed and the traffic management adjusted slightly. This will enable greater capacity through the roundabout for all traffic but in particular vehicles on Lower Earley Way travelling towards the A329(M) with the aim of reducing congestion and queues in the peak periods during the works.

While the works are ongoing and with reduced capacity of the network during this current phase, delays are still likely at peak times. Motorists are advised to find an alternative route and adjust their travel times if at all possible. For traffic attempting to access the M4 at Junction 10, drivers are advised to consider using Junction 11 as an alternative for more reliable journey times. Information on public transport and other alternatives can be found on Wokingham Borough Council's **My Journey webpage**.

To find out more information about the scheme visit our **Lower Earley Way Dualling project page on our website**.

Regular updates are also posted on the council website, Facebook and twitter sites regarding the progress of construction works, lane closures and traffic management as well as **roadworks.org**. To receive these, you can sign up **here**.

## Outline Construction Programme

- **Phase 1 - Southbound (March to May 2019)**  
- Construction of new southbound footway
- **Phase 2 - Northbound (June to November 2019)**  
- Construction of new widened carriageway
- **Phase 3 - Culvert Island Site (December 2019)**  
- Construction of culvert crossing
- **Phase 4 - Culvert Southbound (January 2020)**  
- Construction of culvert crossing
- **Phase 5 - Resurfacing and Road Marking (February 2020)**
- **Phase 6 - Landscaping and Planting (April 2020)**

## Contact Us:

Balfour Beatty has a dedicated project team on hand to assess any issues throughout the road construction. Please contact our helpline and we will endeavour to provide a response as quickly as possible:

**T: 0800 121 4444.**

Alternatively, you can use the email address above: **WRR@balfourbeatty.com**

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