

Why are these improvements necessary?

The Llanthony Road section of the A430 Gloucester South West Bypass (GSWB) is the only section of the bypass yet to be improved. The road is a single carriageway which creates a bottleneck between Castlemeads Bridge and St Anne Way. The scheme should relieve the traffic congestion that often builds up at peak periods which affects the journeys of motorists using this strategic route and the businesses operating in the area.

What are you planning to do to GSWB (Llanthony Road)?

To reduce congestion we are proposing to widen the road and add extra lanes in both directions, converting the road from single to dual carriageway. To ease turning into the side roads we will be installing separate right turning lanes into Sudmeadow Road, Hemmingsdale Road and Llanthony Road Business Park. We will also be installing traffic signals with pedestrian crossing facilities, at the Sudmeadow Road junction. Other improvements include widening the footways on both sides of Llanthony Road.

When will work start and when will it be finished by?

The first stage of the works, which includes land clearance is programmed to start in April 2018 to March 2020 (dependant upon progress with land purchase) which paves the way for the main highway works scheme being able to start in 2019/2020 and the whole scheme to be complete and open to the public by 2020/2021.

What is the total cost of the scheme?

The estimated cost of the scheme is £4,970,000

Who's paying for the scheme, where's the funding coming from?

The funding for the scheme is coming from 2 main sources. The GFirst LEP Growth Deal will be contributing £2 million and Gloucestershire County Council will be contributing £2.97 million (this includes a £125,000 section 106 contribution from the Hunt's Grove developer)

Who are the GFirst LEP?

Set up by central Government in 2011 to work with local businesses, local voluntary organisations and Local authorities, the role of GFirst LEP (Gloucester First Local Enterprise Partnership) is to drive sustainable economic growth in the county, and by doing so, create jobs and business opportunities. Run by a voluntary board of senior executives and elected representatives from Business and Local Authorities and a small full time staff of 18 people. Based in the Growth Hub at the University of Gloucestershire. The LEP also supports a number of business sector groups that provide opportunities for business to "talk to government" directly.

Why can't these funds be spent on routine maintenance, such as filling potholes?

Because the funds are for "Transformative Projects" that will drive economic development, focussed on transport infrastructure, skills infrastructure (e.g. colleges), business growth (i.e. the creation and expansion of the Growth Hub Business Support facility & infrastructure) and remediation work on land to bring sites into use for housing and business use.

These works are going to disrupt my journey, what are you going to do about this?

Whilst it is too early to confirm the exact arrangements required to manage traffic during the works we will be maintaining access to businesses and residents and will be working hard to minimise disruption to the travelling public

How will you avoid creating excessive noise/pollution/dust and mud during construction?

As part of the tender process, for construction of the scheme we will set out requirements for methods of working. This will set out the approach to minimising and mitigation of the impacts of noise/pollution etc. during the construction period.

Have you considered where the diversion routes around the site will be?

It is unlikely that any movements through the sites will be severely restricted or full road closures needed, except for possibly very short periods to be able to safely undertake carriageway resurfacing. We currently envisage that diversions routes will not be imposed. However, to aid motorists to avoid the site during the works, alternative routes around the site will be sign posted well in advance of the site.

