

FAQ

What improvements are planned at the Cross Keys Roundabout?

The centre of the roundabout will be reduced in size to increase capacity around it. The approach from the M5 will be widened to three lanes and a new improved shared use footway installed along this length. The same will be done on the exit from the roundabout towards Gloucester, including a new footway. The other arms of the roundabout will also be adjusted to improve vehicle, pedestrian and cyclist movements. Associated work included road marking, sign post and street lighting improvements.

Why are these improvements necessary?

The junction suffers from significant congestion during peak periods, and is contributing towards congestion at the nearby motorway junction and hard shoulders. Capacity at the junction will be further stretched by future development in the area, including housing at Hunts Grove.

What are the benefits of the scheme?

The scheme will increase junction capacity and reduce the queue length on approach arms, and specifically reduce any impact on M5 Junction 12. It will improve public transport services for buses by improving bus stop provision in the locality.

Will the council have to purchase land to build the scheme?

The County Council are currently in discussion with affected landowners over the potential purchase of land to the west of the B4008.

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. Closer to the construction date, our appointed Contractor will be holding public engagement events to discuss how they intend to manage traffic during the works, the working hours and the duration of the works programme.

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

It is unlikely that any movements through the site will be severely restricted or full road closures needed, except for possibly short overnight closures to be able to safely undertake carriageway resurfacing. 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 work starting.

When will the scheme construction start, and when will it be finished?

We are aiming to commence construction in Spring 2019 and for it to be completed by Autumn 2019.

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

These funds are for "Transformative Projects" that will drive economic development, focusing on transport infrastructure, skills infrastructure, business growth and remediation work on land to bring sites into use for housing and business use.

How much will this scheme cost and how is it funded?

Total funding available for the project is £3.85m. The scheme is funded by Gloucestershire County Council and The Department for Transport.

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 and pollution during the construction process.

Will you have to remove any vegetation as part of this scheme?

Some vegetation will need to be removed at the top of the embankment on the west side of the northbound approach to the roundabout to allow for the extra lane and improved footway. There will be other small localised vegetation clearance.

How can I stay updated with progress?

Enter your email address on the slips available at this public share event. To view these display boards online, visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk and search for "Cross Keys Roundabout".

