

Overview

West Cheltenham Transport Improvement Scheme (WCTIS)

The West Cheltenham Transport Improvement Scheme (WCTIS) includes four phases of works. The first two phases of the scheme are due to start on-site in Spring.

Phase 1 and 2

- Capacity improvements to the Arle Court roundabout which currently creates significant delays and congestion for traffic travelling on the A40 into and out of Cheltenham; and
- Widening of the existing A40 carriageway eastbound from M5 Junction 11 to Arle Court to alleviate existing traffic congestion and accommodate additional future demand.

There will be a 'Meet the Contractor' Event for Phases 1 and 2 during the week commencing 11th May (venue to be decided and subject to appropriate resources being available).

Phases 3 and 4 will follow on directly from the construction of Phases 1 and 2 and focus on the A40 between Arle Court roundabout and the TGI Fridays junction, adjacent to Cheltenham Spa railway station.

Phase 3 and 4

- A40 eastbound widening from Arle Court roundabout to Benhall Roundabout; and
- Benhall Roundabout remodelling, A40 eastbound widening from Benhall Roundabout and the junction at TGI Fridays (A40/B4633)

*Note that the cycling and pedestrian proposals are detailed on the West Cheltenham Walking and Cycling Improvements display boards (WCWCI).

These sections of the A40 currently experience significant delays and queuing for traffic travelling to and from Cheltenham. The proposals are required to enable new housing and employment sites in West and North-West Cheltenham, including Cyber Central, to commence development. It is therefore essential that the scheme as a whole reduces congestion, and increases future capacity for the network. The key objectives of the scheme are as follows:

- Alleviate existing congestion at Benhall roundabout and the A40 eastbound (from Arle Court roundabout to TGI Fridays);
- Increase the capacity of the A40 highway network and remove existing pinch points between Arle Court roundabout and the TGI Fridays junction, including at Benhall roundabout;
- Demonstrate Value for Money (VfM) and ensure that the scheme represents a good use of public funds.

Gloucestershire County Council is highly supportive of the emerging Cyber Central proposal, which includes 45 hectares of much needed employment land, focussed on cyber industries generating new high skilled jobs, together with facilitating the delivery of the Cyber Innovation Centre.

