

Milton Road - bus, cycling and walking improvements project April 2024 update

The Milton Road project aims to improve public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure to make these sustainable travel options a more attractive alternative to the car.

At the time of publication, we are still in the pre-election period. As a public body, there are clear rules covering what we can issue during this time. As a result, this update will focus on progress of works.

We would like to thank you for your patience as we move towards completion of the works later in the year.

Overview

We want to remind all users of Milton Road of the need to treat workers with dignity and respect as they carry out the works on this scheme.

Additional overnight works have been required to complete surfacing and island works which began in March but were slowed down as we addressed concerns around the safety of our workforce who were operating closure points.

A combination of road, footpath and red cycle path tarmac remains to be laid as part of a future tarmacking visit which is planned for late May / early June.

White line and icon painting is ongoing, with both the new road and the cycleway symbols and markings underway. This includes specialised lining for the block paving on Copenhagen crossings.

Much of the kerb work is complete, particularly in the southern section of Milton Road.

Tree planting and verge work is ongoing, with verges in the northern section, towards King's Hedges are being protected by the landscape company Willerby's to ensure successful seeding.

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Mitcham's Corner / Gilbert Road / up to Arbury Road

Red cycle-lane tarmac has been laid from Mitcham's Corner to Herbert Street on the west apart from a few small segments and a section south of Westbrook Drive. The Westbrook and Gilbert Road traffic signal light loops were installed last week and will be commissioned by the end of April.

Tree pits are being completed between Gilbert Road and the roundabout on the west.

Ascham Road Copenhagen crossing

This will shortly be complete and is expected to be re-opened around the end of April / early May.

Hurst Park Avenue

We aim to start work on the Copenhagen crossing at Hurst Park Avenue once Ascham Road is complete. Works will be carried out under three-way lights.

Highworth Avenue / Elizabeth Way roundabout

Additional overnight work to install the new traffic islands for the new signalised roundabout at the junction with Highworth Avenue and Elizabeth Way have been taking place, with completion planned for the end of April.

The traffic signal poles and cabling will then be installed with the traffic lights set to be commissioned once surfacing is complete over the next month.

Arbury Road shops area

Both layers of tarmac have been laid past the bus stop and up to the Co-op. This section will then join the work area with the Arbury Road junction.

Access for business and shop users, along with deliveries and parking, continues to be maintained.

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North of Arbury Road

Work on the demarcation kerbs that were moved on the east to widen the footway north of Arbury Road have been completed and surfacing has been laid there up to the temporary bus stop.

Downham's Lane is now complete, with tarmac (surface course) laid.

With surfacing taking place on the east, this section will be complete up to the temporary bus stop leading past the Milton Arms.

Birch Close Copenhagen crossing

Work is continuing on the Birch Close Copenhagen crossing and is more than 50% complete. The junction is not closed. Two-way traffic will be maintained on Milton Road with motion sensitive lights to enable vehicles to enter and exit Birch Close.

Fraser Road Copenhagen crossing

Work on the Copenhagen crossing at the Fraser Road junction continues and is around 75% complete.

Kendal Way

Pedestrian lights at Kendal Way will be commissioned after surfacing and final surfacing lining in the area.

King's Hedges

We have now moved on to the north-west quadrant. Site clearance has begun as has excavation for tree pits.

North of King's Hedges junction – east

The southbound bus stop opposite the Golden Hind is now open.

Lovell Road Copenhagen crossing

Work is ongoing at this junction. A reminder that this junction is closed to all motor vehicles while works take place. Access to Lovell Road via vehicle will be from the King's Hedges Road access point. Pedestrians and cyclists may continue to enter and exit from Milton Road.

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Bus stop update

Any bus stops not listed below are currently open and functioning as normal.

Suspended bus stops

The following bus stops are currently suspended and have been replaced as shown below.

Bus stop	Temporary location
Ascham Road southbound	Outside 94 Milton Road
Union Lane northbound	Outside St. Laurence's Church
Downham's Lane southbound	Outside 270 Milton Road
Downham's Lane northbound	Outside 221 Milton Road
Fraser Road southbound	Outside 270 Milton Road
Fraser Road northbound	Outside 221 Milton Road
Kendal Way northbound	Opposite Kendal Way

'Bus stop suspended' signage will always be displayed. Information boards and service provider websites will also display information.

The following bus services are currently stopping on Milton Road:

Milton P&R (PR5) Stopping at P&R, Science Park, Kendal Way (northbound stop temporarily opposite Kendal Way), Fraser Rd (southbound temporarily outside 270 Milton Road, northbound temporarily outside 221 Milton Road), Downham's Lane (southbound temporarily outside 270 Milton Rd and northbound temporarily outside 221 Milton Road), Union Lane (northbound temporarily outside St. Laurence's Church), Ascham Rd (southbound temporarily outside 94 Milton Road), Westbrook Centre.

Number 9 Stopping at Science Park, Kendal (northbound stop temporarily opposite Kendal Way), Fraser (southbound temporarily outside 270 Milton Road, northbound temporarily outside 221 Milton Road), Downham's Lane (southbound temporarily outside 270 Milton Rd and northbound temporarily outside 221 Milton Road), Union Lane (Union (northbound temporarily outside St. Laurence's Church), Ascham Rd (southbound temporarily outside 94 Milton Road), Westbrook Centre.

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Number 2 Stopping at P&R, driving test centre, Cambridge North, driving test centre, Chesterton - Milton Rd.

Number 1 Stopping at Westbrook Centre southbound.

Drop-in session

The next monthly drop-in session, with staff from Milestone, will be 11am – 12pm on Monday 13 May at Milton Road Library.

Please note change of date to accommodate the Bank Holiday Monday.

Please do note that this is a drop-in session, and visitors are encouraged to free up space for those coming in.

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