

ROADWORKS ON HITCHIN ROAD/STOPSLEY WAY

We have received the following information regarding the roadworks in Stopsley:

Following the recent public consultation and a decision from Luton Council's Executive to approve the improvement works at the junction of Hitchin Road with Stopsley Way and Vauxhall Way, Volker Highways will be starting works on site week commencing 27 January 2020. The works are anticipated to last 7 months. How we have taken on board comments from the consultation is explained further in the FAQ's below*.

The roads will be open throughout the majority of the works; however, any closures will be updated via the information signs on site.

The purpose of the works is to improve the safety and efficiency of the junction by converting the roundabout into a signalised junction.

The junction will be completely upgraded and improvements will include:

- new safety measures, including improved controlled Toucan crossings for pedestrians and cyclists;
- improved pathways for cyclists and pedestrians;
- improved LED street lighting and CCTV monitoring;
- additional tree planting on site and at Ashcroft Park to double the number of trees lost as a result of the scheme; and
- new sustainable drainage system and flood protection

After reviewing responses from the public consultation, it was highlighted that there is a desire to improve safety, traffic flow, pedestrian and cycling facilities.

However, it was also noted that there are concerns that a signalised junction would make traffic flow worse* and increase pollution.

Congestion experienced on Stockingstone Road was also highlighted as an issue. Therefore, the council will be investigating improvements to this as part of the 2020/2021 programme.

There were also comments about the issues caused by drivers trying to turn right out of Birchen Grove This junction will also be investigated with a view to provide a solution which can be implemented before the end of this scheme.

***If you would like any further information, to see the FAQ's and to view moving clips of how the junction will work, please visit:**

https://www.luton.gov.uk/Transport_and_streets/Transport_planning/major-road-improvement-schemes/Pages/Hitchin-RoadStopsley-WayVauxhall-Way-roundabout-upgrade-works.aspx