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Frequently asked questions

A414 Maldon to Chelmsford Improvements

You may have some questions about the works taking place on the A414 through Maldon.

Please read through these questions before contacting Essex County Council, as your question may already be answered here.

1. What works are planned and why?

Maldon is set to benefit from Essex County Council's £4million road investment programme to improve the A414 corridor from Chelmsford to Maldon.

Improvements include:

- Introduction of a dedicated left hand slip road on the A414 Spital Road Roundabout leading to the A414 Maldon Bypass towards Heybridge.
- Introduction of two dedicated left hand slip roads on the Limebrook Way Roundabout from Limebrook Way B1018 to A414 Wycke Hill, and A414 Wycke Hill towards Spital Road.
- Improving the consistency and appropriateness of the speed limits on this section of the A414.
- Upgrade existing traffic island to a pedestrian island on A414 Spital Road.
- Associated ground works, drainage, street lighting, road markings and signage.

The scheme aims to improve the flow of traffic by reducing congestion experienced at the roundabouts in peak times and increasing roundabout capacity.

2. What are expected benefits of this scheme?

More than 23,000 vehicles pass through these roundabouts each day. The purpose of the scheme is to increase the capacity of the roundabouts, reduce congestion especially at peak times, and future-proof the network providing added capacity for economic growth.

3. How is the work being funded?

Essex County Council has secured funding from the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) Growth Fund which supports the programme of work.

This scheme follows carriageway resurfacing improvements on the A414 at Danbury and is part of a wider Essex County Council initiative aimed at upgrading the whole A414 Chelmsford to Maldon corridor.

4. When will the works start and how long will it take?

This scheme is being progressed in a phased approach.

Preliminary works were undertaken during autumn/winter 2015 which involved ground clearance and the diversion of utility services.

A contractor has been appointed to undertake the main construction works which are expected to commence from 27 June 2016. Night works are expected early July 2016 at the Limebrook Way Roundabout, before moving to daytime works.

The target completion date for works is early 2017. This date may be subject to change, for example if the work is completed earlier than planned, or if the programme of works is delayed due to unexpected issues or poor weather.

5. Will access to properties/businesses be affected during construction?

Access to properties and businesses and emergency service vehicles will be maintained throughout the duration of the work, however should there be any temporary restrictions to access then these will be communicated to those directly affected.

The traffic management team will be present during the works to minimise delays and disruption as much as reasonably possible.

6. Will the work impact my journey?

While efforts will be made to keep the road network flowing as efficiently as possible, road users should expect some delays to journeys caused by temporary lane restrictions while the construction work is undertaken.

Lane reductions and pedestrian diversions will be required to allow the contractor to safely undertake the works, which will typically be undertaken between the hours of 7.00am to 7.00pm weekdays.

Some limited operations will also need to be undertaken overnight, typically between the hours of 8.00pm and 5.00am. Advanced warning will be provided ahead of these works being undertaken.

Temporary traffic signals will be necessary to support the works which will cause some delays to journey times, however as the affected roads are traffic sensitive, the signals will only be used during overnight works or off peak periods. The traffic management team will be present during the works to minimise delays and disruption as much as reasonably possible.

A temporary speed reduction to 30mph will be in place from the start of construction until completion. Please note however that due to the phased construction, there will be sections of road reduced to 30mph, rather than a reduction being applied to the whole route throughout the full extent of the works.

7. How will you keep local residents and businesses updated during the works?

Individual properties or businesses directly affected by the scheme will be contacted separately.

The major scheme pages on the Essex Highways website will continue to be updated as new information becomes available. Visit www.essex.gov.uk/majorschemes and navigate to the A414 Maldon scheme pages.

Updates will also be made to the frequently asked questions as appropriate.

To view a map with the latest roadworks please visit: www.roadworks.org

If you have an unanswered question regarding the scheme please contact Essex County Council Customer services: contact@essex.gov.uk or telephone: 0345 603 7631.