



Clophill Roundabout Improvement Works

Project Newsletter – May 2023

Welcome to the second edition of the Clophill Roundabout Improvement works newsletter, produced by Octavius Infrastructure, working in partnership with Environ Civils on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council.

Works completed:

We have continued to make good progress with the A6 north arm works:

- We have completed drainage and utility ducting across and north of Clophill Road, together with new kerblines and widened footways
- By reusing the existing drainage north of Clophill Road and realigning the new footway away from the A6, we have significantly reduced the requirement for traffic management and temporary traffic lights to complete these works
- Over the last bank holiday weekend, we removed traffic islands (north, east and south arms), put in new traffic signal ducting across the A6 and did surfacing works. The aim was to reduce disruption from upcoming works knowing traffic may increase due to Network Rail's Kemspton Hardwick closure, which will divert traffic along the A6 until mid-July.

Works in progress:

- Kerbing works around the High Street and The Green started on Monday 22 May
- Utility works and footway widening will continue on the A6 North (south approaching the Green). These works, together with the reconstruction of the Green junction, will then progress towards the roundabout and A507 east arm.
- We will install a new bus shelter at the new bus lay-by in early June
- The new A6 bus stop should be in use from 19 June
- We will complete and commission a new toucan crossing in mid-June to provide a signalised crossing point between the High Street and Clophill Road

Good news stories

We have received excellent feedback from local stakeholders on our communications:

- Thank you, you're doing excellent work keeping us informed on the progress of works
- Fantastic job with the updates on the works
- Your newsletter is very informative and useful to know how things are progressing
- You're doing a great job in the community

We display letters and newsletters on the notice board outside the Co-op at The Green in Clophill

SUMMARY OF SCHEME PROJECT

Clophill Road

- **Phase 1 – North Arm (A6 Bedford Road)**
Widening and improvement works
Road closures for resurfacing and lining
- **Phase 2 – Clophill High Street/The Green**
Road closures for resurfacing
- **Phase 3 – East Arm (A507 towards Shefford)**
Widening and improvement works
Road closures for resurfacing and lining
- **Phase 4 – South Arm (A6 Bedford Road)**
Widening and improvement works
Road closures for resurfacing and lining
- **Phase 5 – West Arm (A507 towards Ampthill)**
Widening and improvement works
Closures - reconstruction and resurfacing
- **Phase 6 – Roundabout works**
Managed improvements and resurfacing
- **Phase 7 – Commissioning and landscaping**
Finishing work and toucan crossings



Clophill High Street – Current Road Condition



SCOPE/ PHASING OF WORKS

- The work will progress from one arm of the roundabout to the next (working clockwise) to enable road users to continue to use the junction throughout the scheme
- Work started on the northern A6 arm, which will take two more months before we move to the eastern A507 arm.
- We will widen each roundabout arm creating two lanes in and out
- New footways, the installation of three toucan crossings, and the retained footbridge will provide a crossing point on all four arms
- We will reduce the speed limit on all approaches to 30 mph to improve the roundabout and road safety
- We will also reduce the speed limit around The Green and along the High Street to 20mph during the works, and an application is in place to make this a permanent change
- Off peak temporary traffic signals and lane narrowing traffic management will be used throughout the scheme - for the health and safety of the public and workforce. We will maintain pedestrian access at all times
- Clophill Road (Maulden) and Clophill High Street junctions with the A6 will need to be closed for short periods to carry out the improvements at these locations
- Specific works will require temporary traffic lights to be in place 24/7 and short duration full closures on each arm of the roundabout (with diversions routes in place)
- We will inform residents of these key works and road closure dates
- We will carry out the re-surfacing of the roundabout and approach arms overnight to reduce the disruption

IMPORTANT

Forthcoming Traffic Management

We have now completed the road closure on Clophill Road. Later in the programme, a shorter closure will be needed to construct the new raised table and surface the road (omitted for now as this forms our site compound access). We will install the new toucan crossing shortly to provide a controlled pedestrian crossing point across the A6 north arm.

We will continue to write to residents and businesses affected by upcoming traffic management and road closures. The latest works are below.

Central Bedfordshire Council is pleased to inform you that Clophill High Street and The Green will become 20 mph as requested by residents, subject to the making of the required Traffic Regulation Orders.

Week commencing Monday 22 May - Localised parking suspension around parts of The Green and the A6/The Green junction

- 1) Carriageway narrowing along the A6 and closure of the A6/The Green junction each day (off-peak hours 0900 to 1630)
- 2) We will continue the north east footway works (where we stopped previously) and do utility, drainage and footway works plus the kerb works around The Green

Week commencing Monday 29 May (half term) – no parking around The Green and on the High Street this week please

- 1) Carriageway narrowing along the A6, closure of The Green, High St and the A6/The Green junction each day (off-peak hours 0900 to 1630)
- 2) We will undertake the removal of existing surfacing (Tuesday/ Wednesday) and re-surface The Green and High St (Thursday/Friday/Saturday)

Cars will not be able to park in certain areas during these days We will maintain footway access to properties and businesses at all times.

Week commencing Monday 5 June - no parking around The Green please Parking suspended at the A6/The Green junction

- 1) Road marking around The Green. 2) Ironwork repairs around The Green.
- 3) Carriageway narrowing along the A6 and closure of the A6/The Green junction each day (off-peak hours 0900 to 1630)

Our apologies for any inconvenience and disruption caused during the daytime road closures.

We will need to complete the High Street resurfacing works in 2 or 3 sections over 2-3 days.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

- There is no parking for vehicles on Clophill High Street and The Green during the works and restricted parking to residents on the days we are re-surfacing.
- Co-op and The Green – there will be limited access to vehicles visiting the Co-op during the works due to no parking and we apologise for any inconvenience. However, we will maintain full pedestrian access.
- The Flying Horse Pub – motorists will have access to the Flying Horse during the works as they can still access the car park.

Clear signage and traffic marshals will be in place for the road closures.

BUS STOP NOTICE

The Flying Horse and The Green bus stops are out of use, with temporary bus stops on Clophill Road. As part of the improvement scheme, we are relocating the Flying Horse bus stop to a new location further north on the A6. We will continue to use the temporary bus stops until 19 June, when buses will return to The Green and use the new A6 bus stop.

We will maintain footway access to properties and businesses at all times.

Please be respectful to our staff members during the works, and don't use abusive language. Thank you

We are listening to local parishes and residents, taking onboard feedback and providing measures to discourage the use of side roads.

Thank you to all local residents and businesses for your patience during these works.

What is coming up.

During the next month we will:

- Complete Phase 2 works on the High Street/ The Green
- Continue Phase 1 north arm footway works towards Clophill Roundabout
- Commence works to Phase 3 east arm (A507)

Local Homeowners – Clophill High Street / The Green

We will communicate directly with homeowners directly affected by these works. However, should we not contact you, please ensure you make contact with us to minimise your disruption.

Clophill Methodist Church - Coffee Morning

We will be able to answer any of your queries and concerns regarding the current improvement works being completed at Clophill Roundabout at:

Clophill Methodist Church, High Street, Bedford, MK45 4BA - 10 – 12pm Every Wednesday

Meet the Team:

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Sustainability and social value news

We are committed to delivering sustainable infrastructure, making a commitment to give value to society and the communities in which we work.

Our focus includes

- Spending money with local and SME businesses
- Delivering local skills and employment for the local area
- Supporting local community initiatives. Please let us know if you have an initiative that requires support.

Nicola Foster will provide project communication in the community. This includes supporting and answering queries and concerns and keeping local stakeholders informed of road closures and key events throughout the works.

Want to know more:

- Read our regular updates on a notice board near the Co-op on Clophill Green.
- Attend the Clophill Methodist Church coffee mornings (Wednesdays from 10am to 12 noon) as we will be there to answer questions about the works.
- Go to: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/clophill which has more detail on the works.
- Please email any enquiries about the works to clophill@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
- For a general highway enquiry, please contact the Council's customer services team: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/27/about_your_council/237/customer_feedback or call 0300 300 8049 if you have an urgent highway matter you wish to report.
- Sign up for the Clophill roundabout improvement works ebulletin? Subscribe at: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/clophill
- There is a new flythrough for the scheme: youtu.be/p-N6cyYAN6w