

Bardon Link Road - Frequently asked questions

1. Why this work is needed?

It is to relieve existing traffic congestion along the corridor and to support future economic growth.

2. Why are you having the consultation now?

We want to hear your feedback and comments to help shape the proposals which will be subject to a planning application.

3. What is the aim of the public consultation?

To raise awareness of the proposed improvements which the proposed Bardon Link Road will bring, as well as provide information about the proposed design. It's therefore an opportunity for residents and interested parties to provide us with feedback on the design and inform any changes.

4. How long is the consultation period?

This will run from Monday 27th September and close at midnight on Sunday 31st October 2021.

5. What feedback are you asking me to provide?

This is your opportunity to express your thoughts, raise any concerns you may have and share any local or specialised knowledge that may help improve the scheme.

6. How does my feedback influence the design and process moving forward?

Your feedback will be considered as part of the process for finalising our planning application submission.

7. What works are proposed as part of this planning application?

- *Construction of approximately 450m of new highway, connecting the A511 Bardon Road to the housing developments at Grange Road.*
- *Acquisition and demolition of up to four properties. The affected residents have been informed.*
- *Construction of a fourth arm on the Bardon Road roundabout's southern side*
- *A box bridge installed below the railway*
- *Construction of an attenuation pond to the south of the railway.*

8. What are the anticipated benefits to the region and local community?

- *Helps to reduce congestion along the A511.*
- *Anticipate that this would improve air quality and support the government's aim to reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2035.*
- *Increases connectivity to the local town centre as well as the M1 and A42*
- *Supports economic growth.*
- *Provides improved pedestrian and cycle connections.*

- 9. What stage is the scheme at now?**
We submitted our Outline Business Case to the DfT at the beginning of the year. In August this year, the project moved a further step forward when the Department for Transport (DfT) confirmed Programme Entry status meaning funding has now been allocated, and the County Council can progress the scheme.
- 10. What is an Outline Business Case?**
This document is developed to support the scheme's submission to the Department of Transport (DfT) and demonstrate that the project will provide Value for Money. It includes outcomes, benefits and any potential risks associated with the scheme.
- 11. How much will this scheme cost?**
The total cost of the A511 Growth Corridor scheme is currently projected to be £49m
- 12. How will the scheme be funded?**
£42m is expected to be met from the Department for Transport's (DfT) Major Road Network (MRN) Fund. The remaining £7m represents the local contribution requirement, e.g. found from developer contributions.
- 13. When will the work commence?**
Leicestershire County Council are continuing to work through the DfT's funding process and on the basis the scheme continues to represent good value for money and secures the necessary funding from the DfT, and subject to the necessary Cabinet approvals, we will look to commence construction in 2024 and conclude by 2026.
- 14. What will be the impact for traffic / the local community approaching this junction be during the construction period?**
During construction of the Bardon Link Road, various methods of traffic management will be put in place which could include temporary traffic lights and lane closures. Whilst it is accepted that night works are not desirable near to residential locations, other schemes have shown that one-night working can reduce the amount of disruption caused to residents by several days. Any disruption close to resident's homes will be managed through liaison between the Council, the contractor and directly affected residents.
- 15. What will be the speed limit along the Bardon Link Road?**
The speed limit along the road will be 30 mph
- 16. How will you be communicating with local residents and businesses?**
Detailed drawing of the scheme will be advertised via the local press, local radio, letter drops to local residents / businesses and via the website link www.leics.gov.uk/A511MRN
- 17. Where can I get more information about the scheme?**
Via this link <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-engagement>.

18. What is the Major Road Network (MRN)?

On 23 December 2017, the Government launched a consultation setting out proposals for the creation of a Major Road Network (MRN). The MRN will form a middle tier of the country's busiest and most economically important local authority 'A' roads, sitting between the national Strategic Road Network (SRN) and the rest of the local road network.

19. Why can't the funding be used for a bypass rather than a link road?

The Bardon bypass was previously considered, but our studies concluded that this would not meet DfT's requirements for funding as it did not provide sufficient Value for Money.

20. What will be the likely environmental impact on the local surrounding area?

An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken by LCC. This assessment will examine the impact of the scheme on a range of matters including heritage, biodiversity, archaeology, noise, and air quality.

21. How do I find out more about the outcome of the planning application / consultation process?

Copies of all planning application material will be uploaded to LCC's Planning Portal (link below). This will include a summary of the consultation process. The outcome of the application process will also be made available via this link.
<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning>

If there are any questions/comments with regards to HS2, these should be directed to a representative of the HS2 team using the email address hs2@leics.gov.uk