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Good Afternoon,

From 31 October, Hertfordshire County Council will be starting works to install a new 3.5m-wide shared use cycling and pedestrian path along the eastern side of London Road/Station Road. The project also includes new pedestrian and cyclist crossing points, new and improved bus stops, and lower speed limits in the area, to make travelling around Buntingford safer and easier. The improvements are funded by the Department for Transport's Active Travel Fund.

London Road/Station Road will be closed to traffic in both directions to ensure that the works are completed as quickly as possible. Sets of two-way traffic signals will facilitate resident and business access to adjoining roads on either side of the closure. You can find out more below and online at

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/activetravelfund

Please allow more time for your journey through the area and plan ahead to avoid disruption.

Traffic management

Construction will involve a 24/7 road closure in sections along London Road/Station Road to help minimise disruption, with no through route available for the entire construction period (scheduled until summer 2023).

| Phase | Road Closure Points | Dates* |
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| Set up | <i>No impact to traffic lanes</i> | <i>24 October to 28 October 2022</i> |
| Phase A | A10 roundabout - Stearn Way | 31 October to 3 December 2022. <i>There will be no roadworks on Remembrance Sunday and around the Christmas period (4 December to 2 January, inclusive)</i> |
| Phase B | Stearn Way - Windmill Hill | 3 January to late January 2023 |
| Phase C | Windmill Hill - Owles Lane | Late January to mid-February 2023 |
| Phase D | Owles Lane - Plashes Drive | Mid-February to March 2023 |
| Phases E-J | Plashes Drive – High Street | March to August 2023 |
| | <i>Further details on these phases will follow nearer to the time of construction. In the meantime, you can find information at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/activetravelfund</i> | |

**dates are subject to weather and construction conditions*

Diversion routes

There will be a signed diversion route in place on the **A10 Buntingford Bypass** and **Baldock Road** during construction.

During **Phase A (31 October to 3 December 2022)**:

- There will be no access for vehicles between the A10 roundabout and London Road/Station Road in either direction.
- The BP garage will remain open and accessible from the A10 roundabout.
- Access to Stearn Way will be maintained via London Road/Station Road through Buntingford and the signed diversion route. Temporary traffic lights will be in place to manage access.

During **Phase B (4 January to late January 2023)**:

- Phase A will reopen and the section of road between Stearn Way and Windmill Hill will then be closed in both directions.
- Access to Stearn Way will be possible from the southern end of London Road via the A10 roundabout.
- Access to Windmill Hill, and to Olvega Drive (via Crouch Gardens), will be maintained via London Road/Station Road through Buntingford and the signed diversion route. Temporary traffic lights will be in place to manage access.

During **Phase C (late January to mid-February 2023)**:

- Phase B will reopen and the section of road between Windmill Hill and Owles Lane will be closed in both directions.
- Access to Stearn Way, Olvega Drive, Windmill Hill, and Crouch Gardens (via Olvega Drive) will be possible from the southern end of London Road via the A10 roundabout.
- Construction workers will facilitate access to St Francis Close through the works area
- Access to Owles Lane will be maintained via London Road/Station Road through Buntingford and the signed diversion route. Temporary traffic lights will be in place to manage access.

During **Phase D (mid-February to March 2023)**:

- Phase C will reopen and the section of road between Owles Lane and Plashes Drive will be closed in both directions.
- Access to Stearn Way, Olvega Drive, Windmill Hill, St Francis Close, Crouch Gardens, and Owles Lane will be possible from the southern end of London Road via the A10 roundabout.
- Resident access to Plashes Drive will be maintained via London Road/Station Road through Buntingford and the signed diversion route. Temporary traffic lights will be in place to manage access.

We will be in touch with more information on later phases nearer the time.

Information on construction and diversion maps, is available online at

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/activetravelfund

Bus services

There will be disruption to bus services during each phase of the works.

Arriva **331** & Central Connect **386** throughout the whole project, journeys which travel straight up London Road, will not serve bus stops at Kingfisher Park, Aspenden Road or The Crown Inn, the nearest alternative stops will be at Greenways. Journeys which come from Hare Street will continue to serve all bus stops along the route, until later phases of the project (further details to follow).

Service **18** will not be impacted during Phase A and will continue to serve all bus stops along the route, until later phases of the project (further details to follow).

Diversions are subject to review and may be changed throughout the course of the works.

School services to Freeman College and Edwinstree Middle School will continue to serve the usual bus stops during the early phases using diversion routes as required.

HertsLynx: Passengers who would like to travel to Buntingford Town Centre or catch a connecting bus can do so using the *HertsLynx* demand responsive service. You can make a journey from various pick-up locations in South Buntingford to alight at four key bus stops:

- Baldock Road – Post Office
- Baldock Road – Opposite Post Office
- High Street - The Crown Inn, High Street
- High Street - Opposite the Crown Inn, High Street

There will be no charge for these journeys during the construction period. Concessionary pass holders can continue their journeys beyond the town centre free of charge. You will have to book a journey via the app, website or telephone. Download the HertsLynx App via Android Playstore or Apple Apple Store, online via bookings.hertslynx.co.uk, or call 01992 555513.

Further information will be available on the Intalink website: www.intalink.org.uk/service-updates. Details will also be displayed on physical notices at all relevant bus stops.

Pedestrian and cycle access

Access will be maintained for pedestrians on the western footpath throughout the works.

Within the works area, pedestrians may have to wait to be escorted to/from properties by site workers.

Cyclists will need to dismount and share the footway with care.

Working hours

During Phases A and B, working hours will be 8am – 11pm.

From Phase C onwards, where there are nearby residential properties, working hours will alter to 8am – 8pm. On the last three nights of each phase, resurfacing works will take place between 7pm and 2am, subject to weather conditions. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this will cause, there will be every attempt to minimise the amount of noise after 10pm.

Parking Suspensions

If you usually park on London Road/Station Road, please ensure you park outside of the road closure points identified above to avoid disruption.

Site compound

Preparatory works will start on 24 October to install a site compound near the A10 roundabout. There will be no impact on traffic lanes during the installation.

Subsequent Stages

Further information about the associated second stage of improvements planned for the High Street continuation of the scheme (Hare Street Road - Vicarage Road) will be communicated in due course.

Updates on construction

Updates on the subsequent phases of work will be available online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/activetravelfund. You can also sign up for email updates by emailing us at ATFConsultation@hertfordshire.gov.uk

We appreciate your patience while we complete these works.

Enquiries about the works on site can be directed to Hertfordshire County Council's Contact Centre on 0300 123 4040 or emailed to our dedicated email address: ATFConsultation@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,



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