

INFRASTRUCTURE SAFARI –

Saturday, 11th November 2017, Meet at entrance to Conference, Cheney School - bring a bike.

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[Access to Headington](#)

Project to deliver a package of travel improvements in the Headington area.

The Slade

We are nearly ready to switch into the next phase of The Slade on the other side of the road.

We are currently surfacing the final section on the northbound side of The Slade between Hollow Way and Peat Moors and will be looking to move to the next phase this weekend.

The next phase will see us working on the southbound side of The Slade where Wood Farm Road is located. We will be starting at the mini roundabout at Hollow Way and working our way up to Wood Farm Road and then up to Old Road in the final phase. During this time the footpath will be closed and pedestrians will be diverted across onto the newly constructed footpath on the other side of the road. Traffic will continue to be under two-way narrow lanes.

We expect this work to be complete mid-December.

Churchill Drive/Old Road

The work at the junction of Churchill Drive and Old Road began last week and we have already completed phase one and we've just begun phase two.

The work consists of installing permanent traffic lights at the junction to help ease the flow during peak times, in and out of the Churchill Hospital site. We are currently removing the existing kerbs and realigning the footpath whilst installing cables under the carriageway for the new traffic lights. We will also be improving the existing cycleway around the junction.

Whilst construction is taking place, there are temporary traffic lights in place which are being manually controlled. Churchill Drive is access only and traffic is being diverted via Roosevelt Drive to exit the site.

Once the work to the junction is complete, we will then begin work to the junction of Churchill Drive and Roosevelt Drive. This is a small amount of work that involves installing new bus gate. Traffic will also be controlled under temporary traffic lights.

This work is scheduled to be complete mid-December.

What is Access to Headington?

Access to Headington will improve facilities for pedestrians, public transport and cyclists and will include junction upgrades, improved cycling facilities and pedestrian crossings. A total of £12.5m is being invested.

It will be delivered as a series of individual pieces of work.

This means that the timings can be coordinated with other work that may need to be done in the area in order to minimise disruption.

Why is it needed?

Existing traffic congestion leads to a number of problems, including delays to bus services and an unwelcoming environment for pedestrians and cyclists. With planned growth in the area, doing nothing will cause more problems over the next few years.

The objectives of Access to Headington are to:

- Manage growth in car traffic by improving provision for more walking, cycling and use of public transport
- Reduce congestion
- Support job growth in health, innovation and education by improving access to major sites such as hospitals and universities
- Provide safer options for travel to school and university for pedestrians and cyclists
- Promote health and wellbeing by reducing transport's environmental impacts

Benefits to the public

New and improved cycle route connections along Cherwell Drive, Headley Way, Windmill Road, Old Road and The Slade - proposals will make journeys safer and more convenient for cyclists by providing dedicated cycle lanes, which are segregated wherever possible, or where obstructions, such as parked cars, are removed. Cyclists will also be given more priority at junctions and crossings will be upgraded to accommodate cyclists as well as pedestrians.

This will be the first piece of work and is planned to start on 17 October 2016 and is scheduled to be complete by March 2017.

Works programme

Following that we will move on to these areas. More information on when this will be made available as we make progress on the first stage.

- New pedestrian crossings at existing junctions and on Headley Way and London Road - proposals will also make journeys on foot more convenient and safer, and treatments at side roads across the project area will also give pedestrians (and cyclists) a greater sense of priority.
- Significant upgrades to existing junctions - proposals include changes to existing roundabouts at the Marston Road/Headley Way/Cherwell Drive/Marsh Lane junctions, as well as the JR hospital access/Headley Way junction, which will be converted to signal junctions. This will enable junction capacities to be better managed and prioritised to improve bus journey times and reliability.
- Bus priority measures at the Churchill Hospital/Old Road Campus site - proposals include a peak period bus gate on Roosevelt Drive and improvements to junctions with Old Road. This will help to give existing and potential bus services greater priority and journey reliability as they travel through this part of the network.