

# Arborfield Cross Relief Road - Newsletter

## May 2020

### » Project Overview

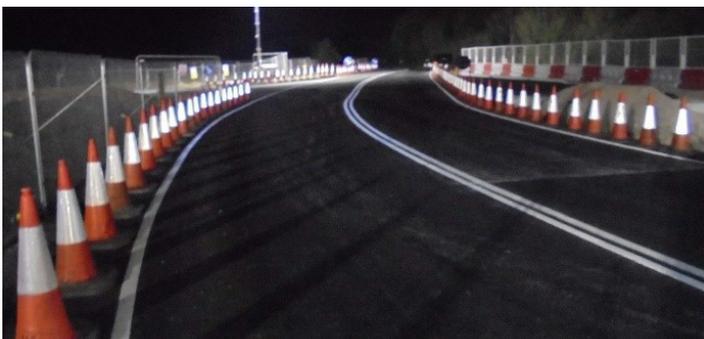
This is the second in a group of nine Wokingham Borough Council-led major highways projects being delivered by Balfour Beatty under the SCAPE Procurement Framework. Just months away from completion, the new 2.3km relief road will reduce congestion, boost employment and create opportunities for more sustainable travel, providing traffic relief in Arborfield and Arborfield Cross and the surrounding rural lanes. It will also support the development of Arborfield Strategic Development site consisting of 3,500 new homes. A computer fly-through showing a visualisation of the new road once complete can be viewed on YouTube by searching 'ACRR-Barkham Bridge fly through'.



### Aerial view of the ACRR Corridor



### » Work to date



Night view of the temporary road over the A327 Reading Road roundabout island with traffic cones as well as Heras fencing for added safety for road users



Shown here, the binder course. The new temporary road will ensure that the flow of traffic on A327 Reading Road is uninterrupted

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Final few metres of the Arborfield Cross Relief Road box excavation work



Lane change over was done in one night



Trimming and surfacing now complete at footpath approaches on arms of new roundabout



Steel indicator plates lowered underground to indicate presence of live utilities

### » Work Done



New carriageway and embankments looking from green bridge back to the Swallowfield Road staggered junction



New carriageway kerb lines at Duck Nest Farm roundabout (A327 Eversley Road Roundabout)



New carriageway and embankments looking from green bridge down towards Duck Nest Farm roundabout (A327 Eversley Road Roundabout)



New asphalt road being laid from green bridge to Duck Nest Farm roundabout (A327 Eversley Road Roundabout)

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## » Upcoming works

This table shows our planned works. Timing and duration are indicative.

When	Duration	Location	Description of works
<b>DAYTIME WORKS (0800HRS - 1730HRS) UNDER THREE-WAY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT</b>			
Mid-May	Up to five days, weekdays only	Section of A327 Reading Road, from Arborfield Bridge to 300m east of the bridge	To allow us to carry out trial holes to locate existing underground services within the verge
Mid-May	Up to two weeks, weekdays only	Section of A327 Reading Road, 75m east of junction with Bridge Farm Industrial Estate to 250m west of this junction	To allow us to carry out trial holes to locate existing underground services within the verge
Early June - end of August	Up to 12 weeks, weekdays only	Section of A327 Reading Road, from Arborfield Bridge to 300m east of the bridge	To allow us to install a new drainage pipe within the verge from Arborfield bridge to 300m east of there
<b>OVERNIGHT WORKS (2000HRS - 0600HRS)</b>			
Early June	Up to five days, weekdays only	Section of A327 Reading Road will be closed between junction with Bridge Farm Industrial Estate and Shinfield Relief Road roundabout	To allow us to carry out surfacing works on the new roundabout and overlaying the existing carriageway.
Early June	Two nights, under three-way temporary traffic lights	Section of A327 Eversley Road between roundabouts with Langley Common and Poperinghe Way	To allow us to carry out the new asphalt surfacing works for the new roundabout. Note: Works will be carried out at night as there is a traffic embargo on this road during the day as this is the diversion route for Nine Mile Ride Extension South East Water main upgrade works.
<b>OVERNIGHT WORKS (2000HRS - 0600HRS)</b>			
Early July - end of July	Up to 11 nights, weekdays only	Section of A327 Reading Road between Bridge Farm Industrial Estate and Shinfield Relief Road roundabout	To allow us to install a new deep drainage pipe across the carriageway on this road (next to bus stop for Hall Farm)
<b>FULL ROAD CLOSURE (24 HOURS) - THIS SECTION OF ROAD WILL BE CLOSED DAY AND NIGHT FOR THE PERIOD CITED</b>			
Early June - mid-August	Up to 11 weeks	Section of Swallowfield Road between junction with Greensward Lane and Castle Hill	To allow us to carry out main construction of the new relief road through the existing road including all finishing works for new carriageway

With regard to overnight works cited above, access to properties along the referenced closed stretch of road will be maintained. A diversion route will be in place for all vehicles including buses and we strongly advise you to check the diversion route before travelling.

For latest information on public transport visit [www.myjourneywokingham.com](http://www.myjourneywokingham.com)

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### » Key Milestone



These pictures show the new state-of-the-art green bridge. Now open, this stunning construction, parts of which were shipped over from Northern Ireland, features 36 precast concrete sections each weighing up to 21 ton. It aims to preserve a public right of way, allowing pedestrians, cyclists and horses to cross safely over the new relief road.

A video showcasing the installation of the green bridge can be viewed at <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/major-new-roads/arborfield-relief-road/>



### » Impact of COVID-19 on our works

Works we're carrying out are subject to Standard Operating Procedures, or SOP. SOP cites that activities deemed essential to maintaining the programme, may take place within two metres where necessary. This includes, but not limited to; limiting the amount of time working within two metres, wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as seen on right, and increased hygiene measures. To view the full list of latest Government advice and guidance relating to social distancing in the construction industry visit [www.builduk.org/coronavirus](http://www.builduk.org/coronavirus)



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