

Wellcome Genome Campus Expansion An update from Urban&Civic









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Dear resident

As part of the plans for the Wellcome Genome Campus expansion, Urban&Civic is bringing forward a programme of works to the A1301. We have been working closely with Cambridgeshire County Council, Essex County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and National Highways to minimise impact locally as we establish safe and sustainable links to the expanded Campus.

What the works entail

The A1301 works include:

- The extension of the footpath/cycleway from Hinxton to the Campus to provide a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Creating a new entrance to the Campus expansion.
- Upgrades and additions to the existing street lighting and road signage.
- Relocation and installation of buried utilities adjacent the A1301.
- New road surfacing, kerbs and drainage.
- Improved pedestrian crossing at the junction with North End Road.

When these works will take place

You will have seen work taking place since October 2023, which have been done within the site or off carriageway as much as possible to reduce the impact on road users. This initial phase of work focused on the construction of the new carriageway and drainage works for the Campus expansion.

Unfortunately, some trees and hedgerow along the A1301 needed to be removed to accommodate these works. As many trees as possible have been retained, however, those that had to be removed were of poor quality and could not be relocated. To date, 920 trees have been relocated on site and we will be planting two new trees for every one tree removed along the A1301 as soon as the highway improvement works have been completed.

For the next phases of work (please see Indicative Phasing Plan), additional traffic management will be required alongside the 30mph speed limit to enable the construction team to safely carry out works to the carriageway.

Phase A: March - October 2024

From New Road heading north

Daytime work during off peak hours only: 9.30am to 3.30pm on weekdays. During this time, there will be single lane closures with temporary traffic lights in operation.

The A1301 between North End Road to New Road will be resurfaced once this section of work is complete. This work will be carried out at night and will require the road to be closed. Further detail of timings and notification of diversion routes will be provided in advance. Access for Hinxton residents will be maintained at all times.

Phase B: March - November 2024

From New Road heading south to A11 Stump Cross Roundabout (adjacent the existing Wellcome Genome Campus)

There will be no road closures during this period, however, lanes will be narrower to enable works at the roadside to be carried out safely.

Following the completion of Phase B works, this stretch of road will be resurfaced. This work will be carried out at night and will require the road to be closed. Further detail of timings and notification of diversion routes will be provided in advance. Access for Hinxton residents will be maintained at all times.

Phase C: June/July 2024

Heading north from Phase A to the A505 roundabout

Night-time works only: 9pm to 6am on weekdays. During this time, there will be single lane closures along with temporary traffic lights in operation.

All works will be carried out Monday to Friday. No work is currently planned on weekends or during Bank Holidays.

Our approach

Urban&Civic and ECL have been working closely with the local highway authorities to ensure these works are carefully managed and disruption is kept to a minimum wherever possible.

Following discussions with key stakeholders and feedback from consultation events, we have tried to ensure works requiring lane closures and temporary traffic lights take place during off peak, daytime hours during the week to minimise impact on road users and residents.

Where activity has been scheduled at night, this is in response to discussions with the local highways authorities, and is considered the safest and most efficient way to carry out these works.

We apologise for any inconvenience and will provide further updates as the works progress.

If you have any queries about the A1301 upgrade works in the meantime, please contact ECL by calling 07923 236838 or Urban&Civic by emailing hinxton@urbanandcivic.com or calling 01799 934766 during office hours.

With best wishes

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