

Works – Weedon Road
Smart Corridor, Northampton
Phase 2

Scheme Start date –
November 2016

Scheme Completion –
Summer 2017



Background – Northamptonshire Highways previously issued leaflets to inform you of the works associated with Weedon Road Smart Corridor. This leaflet is to let you know we are about to complete Phase 1 of the works and Phase 2 will be starting in mid-February 2017.

Scheme type – Once completed people in the area will have access to live, digital traffic and travel information and the improvements to the roads and junctions will increase vehicle capacity, provide better traffic flow for buses and improve journey times for all road users.

The construction will include-

- New road and footway surfaces
- Improved pedestrian crossing points
- Upgraded traffic signals to provide more efficient journeys and more capacity for vehicles which will improve traffic flow and ease congestion
- State of the art, real time passenger information screens at bus stops
- Free WiFi at St James Square
- Public access bike hire www.cycleconnect.co.uk

All businesses are open as usual. The St James area of Northampton offers a wide range of shops ranging from big brands to independent retailers. Construction work to the footways outside businesses is being completed outside of opening hours and full access is provided to all to shops and businesses. Pedestrian marshals (wearing orange hats) are on hand to help.

Progress to date

- Construction works started in the Hub area, outside Natwest and It's a Gift, in mid-November 2016. Ducting for utility services, concrete bases and underground works were completed before Christmas. This area is now being used for the Welfare offices and the remaining above ground works will be completed at the end of the construction phase, currently programmed for May 2017.
- Phase 1 works started January 9th, 2017 with lane 1 closures for site clearance, kerbs, tactile paving at crossing point and footway construction on St James Rd/Weedon Rd north and south footpath. Works in this area are on-going and programmed to be completed in mid-February.

Current work – We are currently working in Phase 1 on St. James Road, Weedon Road and Harlestone Road with closures of the nearside lane.

Phase 2 works – From mid February the lane closures will switch from the nearside lane to the offside lane so we can work on the middle islands. On completion of Phase 2 the St. James Road, Weedon Road and Harlestone Road junction will operate under its new layout free of any cones or barriers until the road

surfacing operations towards the end of the scheme. These are likely to take place overnight and details will be provided.

Pedestrians – During Phase 2 the existing pedestrian crossing outside the Community Centre will be temporarily closed and re-opened in March. Please use the pedestrian crossing located outside Bamboo Garden.

Buses - There will be no change to the temporary arrangements used in Phase 1. Normal services using the new layout will resume on completion of Phase 2 in March.

For more details please go to:

www.stagecoachbus.com

www.unobus.info

www.countrylion.co.uk

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

Parking - There are no changes from Phase 1 works. The disabled bay and loading bay near the Community Centre on St James Road remains suspended throughout Phase 2 and will be re-opened in March.

Future phases – Phases 3 and 4 will follow on in March 2017 at Weedon Road/Spencer Bridge Road junction and Harlestone Road/Spencer Bridge Road junction and we are due to complete this summer 2017. We will provide further information on this in advance of the works starting.

When programming works, we consider the impact on all road users and plan our works to minimise disruption. On occasion there may be delays but we would like to thank you for your patience and co-operation.

If you have any concerns or require any information about the works please contact the Site Manager Howard Granger on 07740 394416.

For more information on the background to the scheme, and further updates as published please go to www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

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