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Cambridge Gateway and Hills Road Bridge

Improving the issues of safety, cycling, walking and traffic flow to the station area.

A briefing note from the Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery Team

Cambridge Gateway

The Cambridge Gateway scheme is part of the major CB1 development which will provide a new bus, pedestrian and cycle link to the Cambridge train station area. The scheme aims to provide a high quality public transport interchange, improve public transport links across Cambridge, improving access to Cambridge Rail Station and supporting economic growth in the Cambridge sub-region.

Hills Road Bridge Cycle lane trial

Following the trial on Hills Road Bridge, permanent cycle lanes will be installed to improve the facility for cyclists.

The new cycle lanes on Hills Road Bridge will be 2.1 metres and will allow cyclists to proceed straight ahead safely with motor traffic, as the lane moves to the right at the top of the bridge. Cyclists turning left will be provided with a by-pass lane. A new toucan crossing will also be installed on the City Centre side of the bridge.

What happens next?

Construction is due to start on Monday 12 July and is expected to finish in February 2011. Work on Hills Road Bridge is anticipated to be finished by Christmas. Letters are being sent to local residents and emergency services.

Traffic signals at both ends of the bridge will need to be remodeled to accommodate the new cycle lanes. We are also taking the opportunity to carry out some underground service work, which will avoid future disruption.

The work will require some partial road closures and lane width restrictions, so disruption to journeys is expected. Brooklands Avenue will be closed to traffic turning left and right from Hills Road from Monday 12 July with a diversion route in place. A single lane of traffic in either direction will be maintained over Hills Road Bridge for the duration of the works.

Cambridgeshire County Council and Balfour Beatty are also monitoring the disruption caused by the recent sewer work diversion on Mill Road. We are working to ensure as much of the road space is open as possible for the duration of the Cambridge Gateway project.

The work on Cambridge Gateway and Hills Road Bridge is being carried out by Balfour Beatty on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council as part of the major schemes framework.

The scheme is part of Cambridgeshire County Council's commitment to provide sustainable transport for now and for the future and is being funded by a £3 million grant from the Communities Infrastructure Fund. The work on Hills Road Bridge is being funded by developer contributions.

Timescales

Mid-July	Construction work due to start on Cambridge Gateway and Hills Rd Bridge
December	Hills Road Bridge works complete
Mid-Feb 2011	Work on Cambridge Gateway to be complete

*All dates are subject to change

Finding out more

Plans and information for both projects are available via the website:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/cambridgegateway

If you have any further comments or would like to find out more you can also contact the team on 01223 699906, email transport.delivery@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or write to us at Transport Delivery Team, Cambridgeshire County Council, CC1211, Castle Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP.