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Work is due to begin on the UK's first Dutch-style roundabout in September, to improve safety in the area by giving priority to pedestrians and cyclists over motorists.

The roundabout layout at the Fendon Road, Queen Edith's Way and Mowbray Road junction will be transformed to influence slower approach and departure speeds, thereby reducing the speed of motor vehicles.

Cyclists will be given their own cycle path, in contrasting red surfacing, to give them equal priority with pedestrians over oncoming motorists. Pedestrians will be provided with zebra crossings on all four entry and exit roads and at crossing points over the cycle paths.

Cambridgeshire County Council secured £550,000 of funding from the Department for Transport in 2018 to create the Dutch-style roundabout following public consultations in 2015 and 2016. The current roundabout is perceived by many people to be dangerous to cycle around, and residents also reported feeling unsafe when walking in the area due to a lack of pedestrian crossings.

The scheme's total cost is estimated to be £800,000 which includes £250,000 of local funding from developer contributions. Work is due to begin on 9 September 2019 and last for approximately 29 weeks; during this time both of the Queen Edith's Way entry and exit roads to the roundabout will be closed. We have worked closely with local stakeholders and understand the impact of closing these roads, but this will allow for the shortest construction time, with an estimated completion date of early April 2020.

Councillor Ian Bates, Chair of the Council's Economy and Environment Committee said: "Safety is at the forefront of all our cycling scheme projects and our aim is to encourage more people to cycle more often, more safely and support healthy communities.

"The Dutch-style roundabout design for Fendon Road and Queen Edith's Way in Cambridge will seek to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians in a number of ways. One of the key elements is a change in carriageway width, designed to change behaviour so that drivers will travel more slowly through the junction.

"Although there will be disruption in the local area while work is taking place, the long term benefits will mirror those at the nearby Perne Road, Radegund Road roundabout - the re-design of that roundabout included aspects of a Dutch-style roundabout and has proved to be a highly successful scheme, which has drastically reduced reported cycle

collisions at that location.”

For further details about the scheme and the roundabout design please visit our dedicated web page www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/Fendon-Rd-QEW.



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