

Elton Interchange

Phase 3&4 Works – Briefing Document & FAQs

Project Overview

The Elton Interchange project involves the construction of junction improvement works, changing the current layout of two roundabouts at the Elton junction of the A66 to a new traffic-signalled interchange. The objectives of this project are to increase the capacity of the road network, reduce travel times (greater predictability of travel times) and create modern and safe links between communities and main highways.

- Signalising of the Elton/A66 junction with the removal of the roundabouts. This will improve the capacity and function of the junction. Further improvements to Yarm Back Lane and the junction with Darlington Back Lane are also planned
- Lane restrictions and traffic signals will be in place at various times throughout the works. 2-way traffic will be maintained at peak times, although some traffic disruption will be expected
- Sections of Yarm Back Lane will be widened, and Darlington Road re-aligned
- The A66 eastbound slip-road will be lengthened and widened as part of the works

The Project, which will be completed in six phases, is primarily funded by Homes England with contributions from Taylor Wimpey, Persimmon and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

Scope of Phase 3 & 4 Works

- Re-alignment of kerblines
- Re-surfacing
- Installation of Street Lighting
- Installation of new traffic signals
- Re-waterproofing bridgedeck
- Install new bridge parapet

We plan to start the next phase of works from the 17th of February 2023 with an anticipated duration of approximately 30 weeks. Should we not be able to proceed on this date due to unforeseen circumstances, further correspondence detailing new dates will be shared.

Temporary Traffic Management & Diversions

To safely undertake the works the following traffic management and diversions will be in place:

- Lane restrictions and temporary traffic signals on the Elton Interchange
- Right turn onto the A66 East (towards Middlesbrough) for Northbound traffic will be prohibited. Signed diversion route will be via Westbound A66 to Long Newton (local signage in place)
- Pedestrian and cycle access will be signed through the Elton Interchange

FAQ's

1. What is the Elton Interchange?

The Elton Interchange project involves the construction of junction improvement works, changing the current layout of two roundabouts at the Elton junction of the A66 to a traffic signal controlled interchange. Yarm Back Lane, Darlington Road and Durham Lane feed into the interchange.

2. What are the aims of the scheme?

The objectives of this project are to increase the capacity of the road network, reduce travel times (greater predictability of travel times) and create modern and safe links between communities and main highways.

3. What will be the impact of construction on other transport links and journey times?

The scheme will aim to minimise the impacts to journeys as much as possible by co-ordinating with other works planned in and around Stockton-on-Tees. Traffic Management phasing and temporary routes are shared publicly prior to commencement and can be found here:

Current Roadworks (Stockton-on-Tees) - <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/roadworks>

Elton Interchange Webpage - www.balfourbeatty.com/EltonInterchange

4. Is there a separate pedestrian and cycle diversion route?

There will be a separate pedestrian and cycle diversion route in place through the scheme. This will change at various stages throughout the phase however will be always signposted appropriately.

5. Where can I find information on temporary or alternative traffic routes?

Diversion signs will be in place throughout the scheme and diversion information is available on the Elton Interchange webpage - www.balfourbeatty.com/EltonInterchange

You can find updates and information on current Stockton-on-Tees roadworks by visiting <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/roadworks>

6. How will disruption be managed during construction?

Due to the work involved in the scheme, unfortunately some disruption will be unavoidable. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council are working closely with Balfour Beatty and plan construction considerably to keep potential impacts to a minimum and ensure residents and businesses remain informed. Where disruption is unavoidable, construction management plans will be produced and will outline how potential impacts will be mitigated. A communications plan is in place to keep local people, businesses and visitors informed.

7. Can I still access the A66 from Elton Interchange?

All current traffic movements will be maintained excluding northbound traffic turning right onto the Eastbound A66 slip road. The diversion will go West onto the A66 to Long Newton whereby you regain access east onto the A66.

8. How long will this phase of traffic management and diversions be in place?

This phase of the works is scheduled to take approximately 30 weeks.

Diversions will be in place for approximately 18 weeks.

9. Will the new diversion be active 24 hours or between set times?

The main diversion will be active 24 hours.

Additional overnight closures will be in place for major reorganisation of traffic management. Further information will be available on the Elton Interchange webpage www.balfourbeatty.com/EltonInterchange or wider roadwork information via <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/roadworks>

10. When will the project works be complete?

Works are anticipated to be complete Winter 2023.

Who can I contact with queries about the project?

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