



A40 Programme

Parish Council Updates

July 2021

**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**



A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor

- High level summary;
 - Dualling – 47% support, 4% neutral, 6% minor concerns, 43% significant concerns
 - Integrated Bus Lanes - 41% support, 11% neutral, 9% minor concerns, 40% significant concerns
 - Dukes Cut – 40% support, 18% neutral, 5% minor concerns, 38% significant concerns
 - Active travel provision along full length – 47% support, 25% neutral, 6% minor concerns, 23% significant concerns
- Key response themes;
 - Absence of A40/A44 Loop Farm Link Rd as mitigation to potential bottle neck issues at Wolvercote
 - Witney – Oxford rail line proposal as alternative
 - Dual full length to relieve congestion
 - Strong support for active travel improvements
 - Bus services accessibility and affordability
 - Bus lanes through to Witney
 - Lots of through traffic and not commuters to and from Oxford
 - Concerns around the linked housing growth and location and use of P&R site.



A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor

- The location and certainty of underpass delivery was also a concern.
- Majority of responses citing significant concerns were related to “out of scope” or had conflicting views on what the scheme should look like, generally user type driven (car driver / cyclists / public transport user)
- Support received from WODC, Stagecoach and MPs.
- Based on feedback received it is proposed to amend the scheme as per the updated general arrangement plans. These changes are heavily active travel and public transport orientated.
- Portfolio Holder briefed on 15.06.21 and supportive of proposed changes in advance of report to July Cabinet.



Next Steps

- Total scheme cost - £106.75m, entirely funded via HIF as approved at Cabinet, June 2021
- Contract (Grant Determination Agreement) for delivery of HIF2 originally entered in to with Homes England August 2020. HIF2 funding conditions which will need to be discharged and are linked to the timely delivery of the project.
- We have also now secured approval from Cabinet for the in principle use of statutory powers (compulsory purchase)
- Key Target Dates
 - Preferred Options – Cabinet July 2021
 - Planning application – September 2021, determination Spring 2022
 - Cabinet approval for CPO order making – October 2021
 - All land acquired – early 2023
 - Main construction works commence – June 2023
 - Main construction works complete – end of 2024



A40 Access to Witney

- 69% support option presented, 13% neutral, 5% minor concerns, 13% significant concerns.
- Key response themes
 - Other options are viewed as better
 - Potential increase in traffic and “rat running” through immediately adjacent areas
- Cllr Enright as ward Member and WODC were in strong support of the option as presented.
- Portfolio Holder briefed on 15.06.21 and supportive of proposed changes in advance of report to July Cabinet (Preferred Option, In Principle Use of Powers & Funding)
- Based on feedback received and strong level of support it is not proposed to make any substantive changes to the scheme as presented at consultation.