

A120 Corridor–Standon Improvements- High Street and Mill End

Dear Stakeholder

I am writing to you with regard to the A120 Standon Improvements project. The aim of the project is to make vehicle access onto the A120 in Standon easier before the A120 Little Hadham bypass opens, and to improve pedestrian routes across the A120. Improvements at the junctions of the A120 with South Road/Barwick Road, Cambridge Road and Station Road were finished in 2019. The changes at High Street and Mill End are the final stages of the scheme.

High Street

Based on your concerns about a full road closure we postponed changes at High Street and Mill End. We have changed how we will build this section so that we do not need to close High Street completely. Now there is a window of opportunity while roads are quieter to complete the scheme with less disruption. This is expected to last until the late summer. We plan to start on 15 June 2020. The plan attached shows what improvements we will be making, and why they will help movement around the A120.

Building the scheme

Access to High Street will remain open, but vehicles will be restricted to one-way, with traffic lights to manage the flow of traffic. The temporary traffic lights will be linked to the Station Road permanent lights. For the safety of pedestrians, the works will include pedestrian diversion routes. These will change depending on the phasing of our works, but you will always be able to access essential services. We're following the latest industry guidance on safe working, including guidance on social distancing for construction.

Other changes to the A120 because of the Little Hadham bypass will be happening at the same time. Due to the current lower levels of traffic we expect disruption will be manageable, but we will be monitoring the impact of both works together. More information about the bypass scheme is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/a120bypass

Diversion route

You may have seen in the local newspaper that we have applied for a temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO) for making it one-way on High Street in Standon, along Hadham Road towards Wellpond Green. The map attached shows the area of the restriction applied for. The restriction is needed so that we can safely build the improvements to High Street.

Traffic trying to access the A120 from the south will be asked to travel towards Wellpond Green to the next junction with the A120. This road is narrow in places, which is why we

plan to make it one way temporarily. We are aiming to do maintenance to the road where we can before the diversion starts.

The TTRO notice must be written in a certain way to comply with the law. To clarify:

- The restriction will only apply when the signs are showing.
- The powers given by the TTRO start on the 8 June, but the restriction will only begin when the works at High Street need the diversion.
- The powers last for 18 months (until the end of December 2021), which is standard. We will not use the powers unless they are required for the High Street works, which are expected to start on 15 June and take up to 10 weeks.

We predict that the impact of additional traffic using this route will be minimal, especially as the roads are generally quieter. The A120 will remain open, other than a small number of overnight closures. For traffic travelling along the A120, we'll provide advanced notice and a diversion route to help encourage the use of other A-road routes to avoid queuing through Standon and to minimise the use of local alternative roads.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and appreciate your co-operation whilst these works are in progress.

Want to know more?

You can find out more about the project by visiting our dedicated website:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/a120standon

You can follow us on Twitter: @Herts_Highways or Facebook:

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Get real-time updates, including road closures and diversion, at one.network

If you have any questions, please email a120standon@hertfordshire.gov.uk or call 0300 123 4047.

Kind Regards



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STANDON HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENT WORKS



New double yellow lines to restrict vehicles from parking at the junction. This will improve visibility and also allow better access in and out of the side roads.

The different surfaces will be a visual cue for drivers that they are coming to a junction.

This crossing is to help pedestrians accessing High Street from the east. The crossing at Station Road will help pedestrians in the west.

IMPRINTED ASPHALT TO EMPHASISE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

WIDER FOOTWAY

NEW DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

NEW BOLLARDS TO STOP PARKING ON THE FOOTWAY

The bollards are to stop vehicles climbing the footway to park there. This will improve visibility at the junction, and safety for pedestrians. The precise number and location of these bollards is to be confirmed.

NEW PARKING BAY (20 MINUTES MAXIMUM STAY)

The parking bay is under consultation. No decision will be made until after 22 May.

KEY

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RESURFACED FOOTWAY WITH TACTILE PAVING

Carriageway narrowing is included for traffic calming, to slow down vehicles. The eastern narrowing is at the beginning of the 30 mph zone. Traffic calming measures need to be installed 80-100m apart, so the second narrowing is 80m from the first one.

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Diversion route for High Street, Standon

