

Milton Road - Bus, Cycling and Walking Improvements Project Update No. 1 - August 2022

With work having started on Milton Road, we will now be producing monthly updates on the project to ensure you are kept informed and up to date with the project.

It will cover a summary of where we are with the project and give advanced notice of upcoming activities over the next two years as we upgrade Milton Road.

Upcoming Road Closures

On 18th July **Woodhead Drive** closed so that the central island could be removed. On 26th July works were completed ahead of schedule, returning Woodhead Drive to full access for all vehicles.

Looking forward, Woodhead Drive will be closed to all motor traffic once the compound for the site offices is ready to be delivered. We do not currently have a set date for this, but we will communicate the date of the closure in advance of the compound arriving. Following this closure, Woodhead Drive will then be closed for the whole two years of the project. Pedestrians and cyclists will still be able to access Milton Road via the pavement at Citygate. Vehicles wishing to join Milton Road will be diverted via Downham's Lane.

The Woodhead Drive junction area is the only piece of highway land located in walking distance of the works and, as it sits centrally to the northern half of the project, it makes it an ideal location for welfare facilities and material storage. The project team have secured additional alternative site offices, which has resulted in a much-reduced compound set up being installed in Woodhead Drive. However, it remains the only option for the Milton Road project for key functions that are needed for the delivery of the project.

In addition, **Milton Road itself will be closed overnight** during late August/ early September. Once the road space has been booked and finalised, we will provide a further update about timings and specific dates. This is so we can install the traffic management we need to undertake the work to upgrade the road safety. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses during this time, with a member of site available to assist you in getting to your property. The works will include closing the bus lane along the whole of Milton Road, putting in traffic cones, and introducing the 20-mph speed limit for the duration of the project. A diversion route will also be advertised.

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Hedge Cutting Back/ Tree removal

We have been talking to residents along Milton Road where boundary hedges need cutting back to the highway boundary. Thank you to all who have engaged with us as we get this work done. While we won't need any private land to upgrade Milton Road, we will need to make full use of the highway and we have started to cut back the hedges that need trimming.

In addition, we have also started to remove the trees along Milton Road to accommodate the improvements to Milton Road. We have had an ecologist on site to ensure there were no nesting birds.

When finished, the project will see the planting of 194 trees. Each of the trees will be installed through a tree pit system which will make a significant difference in terms of long-term establishment of the trees. There will also be a diversity in tree species mix. This will offer a significant resilience in the palette to future proof the scheme against issues, including climate change and biosecure trees against new pest and plant disease.

Bus Stop Suspension

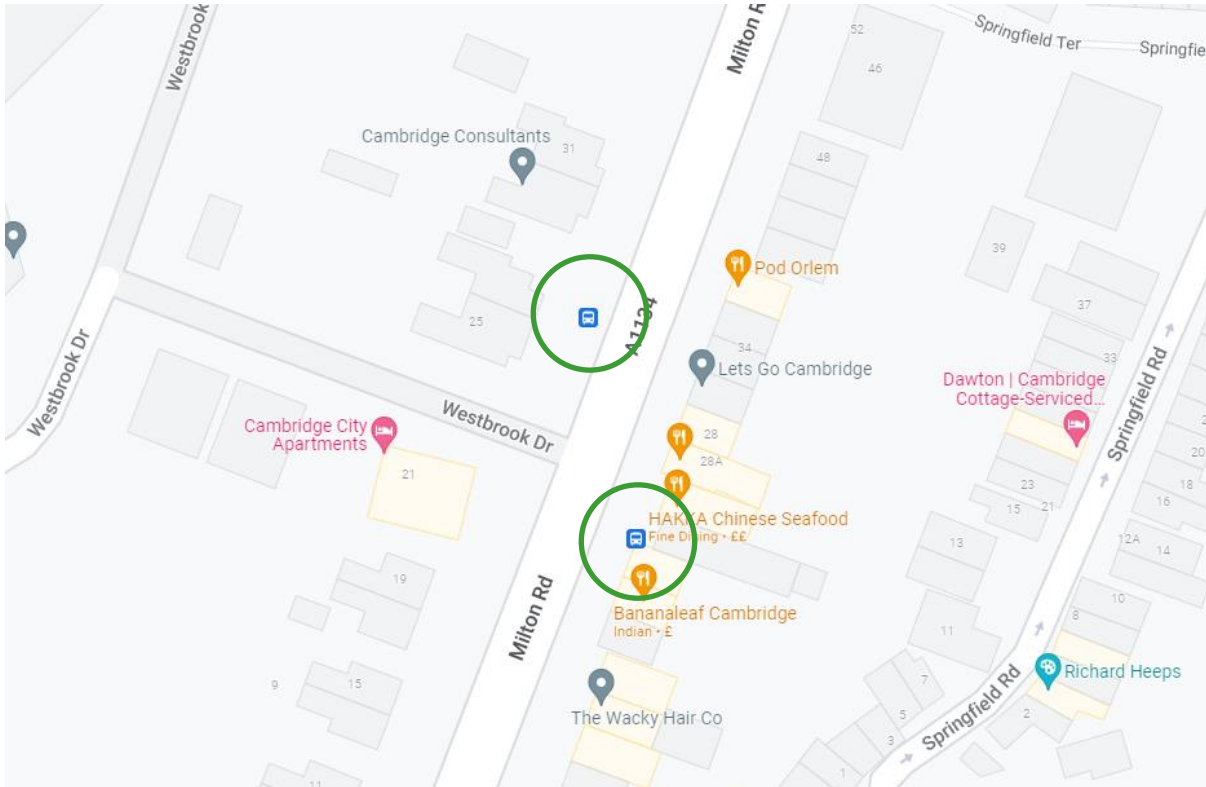
Both the inbound and outbound bus stops at Mitcham's Corner end (Westbrook Centre, stops 0500CCity387/390) by the junction of Westbrook Drive have been suspended and buses are not calling at either stop. They have been suspended rather than relocated for safety reasons.

This is so Cambridge Water can move the water main to allow the new road layout to be accommodated without clashing with the water main.

While these bus stops are closed, please use the alternative at either Milton Road (Ascham Rd, stops 0500CCity051/058) or Gilbert Rd (Gurney Way, stops 0500CCity093/406) depending on the bus service number. Further information about the bus services can be found by visiting the Stagecoach website - [Cambridgeshire Service Updates - Find Out If Your Bus Is Running | Stagecoach \(stagecoachbus.com\)](https://www.stagecoachbus.com/service-updates)

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Drop-in Sessions

Once the compound has arrived on Woodhead Drive, we will be able to commence a weekly drop-in session for you to meet the project team and ask any questions relating to the project. As soon as the compound is in place, we will announce the regular day and time of the drop-in session.

There will be no need to prebook a time slot, so you can just turn up once it is operational, but please be aware you may have to wait if the team are already discussing concerns or questions with another member of the public.

Stay up to date

Sign up to receive regular project updates: Milestone, our main contractor, will produce regular email updates on the work progress. To receive these updates directly, please register at greatercambridge.org.uk/project-newsletters selecting Milton Road in the Projects section.

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