

Hertfordshire County Council will shortly be delivering a new two-way cycle route along North Road in Stevenage, between Coreys Mill Lane and the A602 Lytton Way. We will also be installing new crossing facilities and better signage to local routes.

The new segregated cycle route will connect communities to the hospital, school and existing cycle routes, including the National Cycle Network (NCN 12), Stevenage High Street and surrounding countryside. The project supports our commitment to sustainable travel, improving the health and wellbeing of communities, making towns cleaner, less congested and better places to live, work and visit.

North Road scheme details

- A new two-way cycle route on the east side of North Road, between Coreys Mills Lane and the A602
- New parallel crossings over Coreys Mills Lane and North Road near Rectory Lane, to provide safe crossing points for people walking and cycling
- New zebra crossings near Whitney Drive, Burymead and Franklin's Road to improve east-west connections over North Road
- Improved connections from the new crossings, including widening the path near Burymead and a new footway over the existing verge by Franklin's Road
- A new signalised crossing near the A602 Lytton Way Gyratory, to connect people to the existing cycling and walking route
- Better signage along the route to improve wayfinding and help connect users to other existing routes
- New bus stop arrangements on the cycle route, with cyclists giving way to passengers boarding/alighting the bus
- Additional double-yellow lines along the route to prevent on-street parking
- Removal of two existing trees and replacement with four new trees
- Trimming of hedges and trees adjacent to the footway and cycleway

More information about the project, including a scheme drawing and the results from the summer 2021 consultation, can be found online: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/activetravelfund

We are writing to confirm that construction on North Road is due to begin on 12 June 2023, starting at the southern section between A602 Lytton Way gyratory and Franklin's Road.

Phasing of Works

Works are due to commence on 12 June and have been phased to minimise disruption. Exact dates will be shared closer to the start of construction, but all main works will be completed during the day, between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 1pm on Saturdays. The phases:

Phase	Works on North Road	Dates
Phase 1	A602 Lytton Way to Franklin's Road Installation of cycleway and toucan crossing	12 June – late July 2023
Phase 2	Franklin's Road to Burymead Installation of cycleway and zebra crossing	Late July – early September
Phase 3	Burymead to Whitney Drive Installation of cycleway and zebra crossing	Early September – mid- October
Phase 4	Whitney Drive to Tudor Close Installation of cycleway and zebra crossing	Mid-October – Mid-November
Phase 5	Tudor Close to Marquis of Granby car park Installation of cycleway	Mid-November – late November
<i>There will be no roadworks around the Christmas period and North Road will be open in both directions to traffic.</i>		
Phase 6	Marquis of Granby car park to Chancellors Road Installation of cycleway and parallel crossings	Early January – mid- February 2024

Diversion route

There will be no through-route along North Road throughout all phases of work. A signed diversion route will be in place via B197 (North Road/Graveley Road) and A602 (Hitchin Road/Lytton Way) and via A602 (High Street/James Way/Lytton Way/Hitchin Road) and B197 (Graveley Road/North Road).

The works start at the southern end of North Road and will shift northwards in sections throughout each of the phases. During each phase, one section of North Road will be closed, but access to residences and businesses will be maintained, either from the north or the south depending on the location of the works.

Phase 1 road closure

During Phase 1, North Road will be closed to traffic in both directions between the A602 Lytton Way gyratory and Franklin's Road.

Access will be maintained for residents and businesses located on Franklin's Road, Burymead, Whitney Drive, Tudor Close and Rectory Lane from the north of North Road. Traffic signals will facilitate access into Franklin's Road.

Access to properties located within the works area with direct access from North Road will also be maintained. Construction staff will be positioned at the north of the works area during working hours to provide assistance. Resident vehicles may have to wait to be guided to/from their properties. Outside working hours, a route will remain open for residents to enter and exit their properties via the north of the works area. We will be in touch with residents at the end of May with further details.

Access from the A602 Lytton Way gyratory into North Road will not be possible. Road users should follow the diversion route outlined above.

Bus services

During all phases of work, buses will not serve the bus stops on North Road (Burymead and Franklin's Road). Buses will be on diversion via Coreys Mill Lane and the A602 Hitchin Road. Passengers who normally embark the bus at Burymead or Franklin's Road should instead use bus stops at Lister Hospital or the Mulberry Tree, Old Town.

We are continuing to liaise with bus operators to minimise disruption during the works. Information will be published on the Intalink website: www.intalink.org.uk, and Twitter page [[@Intalink](https://twitter.com/Intalink)]. Details will also be publicised on physical notices at all relevant bus stops.

Walking and cycle access

Access will be maintained for people walking on North Road throughout the works. There may be some short-term diversions which will be clearly signed. In some areas, those cycling may be asked to dismount and share the footway with care.

A diversion route to bypass the works is suggested via Whitney Drive and the National Cycle Network Route 12.

Overnight works

Carriageway resurfacing will be completed overnight when there will be no vehicle access through the construction areas, except for emergency vehicles. Dates will be confirmed closer to these works and affected residents will be contacted directly.

Further phases

Updates on the subsequent phases of work will be available online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/activetravelfund.

We appreciate your patience while we complete these works.

Enquiries about the works on site can be directed Hertfordshire County Council's Contact Centre on 0300 123 4040 or emailed to our dedicated email address: ATFConsultation@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Kind Regards,

North Road Active Travel Project Team