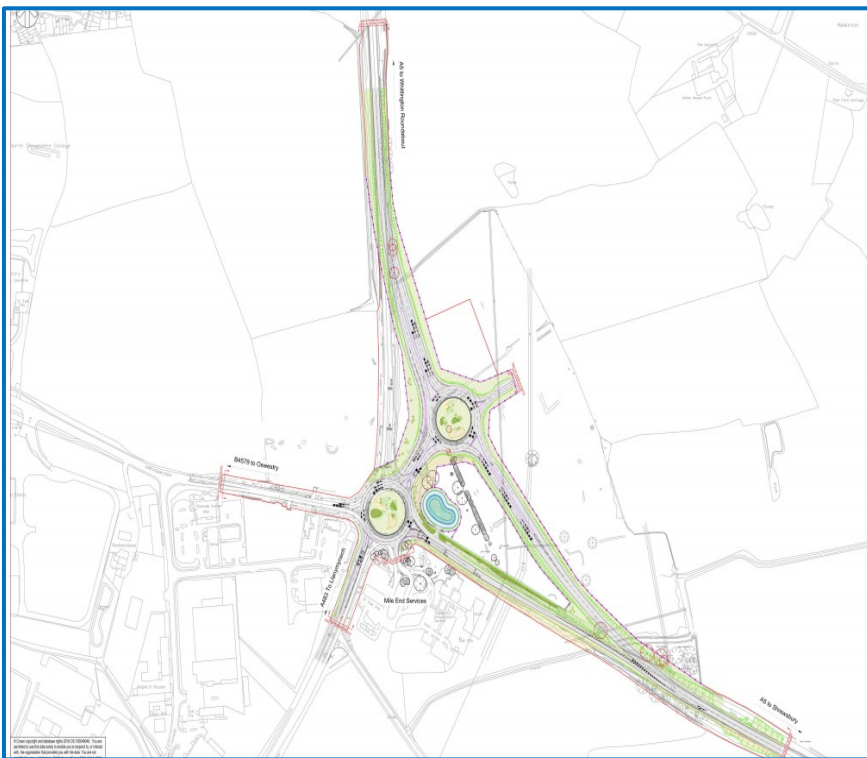


**Shropshire Council have appointed Balfour Beatty to construct the improvements to the Mile End Roundabout (junction of the A5, A483 and B4579 Shrewsbury road) in Oswestry.**

Currently, the existing Mile End Junction is a five-arm roundabout with one exit unused. Housing sites already allocated through the current Local Plan in Oswestry require improvements to the road network to enable approved sites to be developed. To this end, Shropshire Council have accessed funds from the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) through Homes England and the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for this project where a new roundabout layout will be constructed.



**The new lay-out will achieve several objectives including;**

Enabling existing housing proposals to be brought forward.

Enabling the proposed plan for the Oswestry Innovation Park to be brought forward.

Enabling additional employment opportunities in Oswestry through the construction period and beyond.

Enhance the gateway into Oswestry and provide relief to Mile End congestion.

The improvement will divert the A5 traffic offline to a new 4-arm roundabout approximately 75 metres to the north-east of the existing junction with a link road to the existing roundabout. The new roundabout will allow traffic using the A5 to bypass the existing Mile End Roundabout and provide access to the proposed Oswestry Innovation Park.

## Progress to date:

Since January, work has continued on the enabling phase including ecological and archaeological work with the relocation of great crested newts, the erection of boundary fencing and planting in the area to the northeast of the project



The site compound has been installed along with an access road and following agreement with Highways England, some of the main contract works are being undertaken now whilst we complete the Road Safety Audit and Technical Approval processes.

The current works include clearance of topsoil, excavation for a new drainage pond and associated pipework, other drainage works that are within the site and not on the road network plus installation of concrete protection slabs for the high pressure gas main that runs through the north of the site.

Although the majority of the works will take place off the main carriageway, it will be necessary to have some night-time road closures during the week and diversions will be put in place to facilitate this work.

Details of these closures will be advertised in advance, routes will be fully signed and further publications of this newsletter will provide additional information and points of contact for any queries. The timeframe for completion of the project is early 2022



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## How you can help us

We aim to reach as many people as possible with future newsletters and as a result of the current pandemic, we will be issuing updates and key messages to key stakeholders such as the Oswestry BID, via press releases, email, scheme specific pages on our website and social media. If you would like to be included on the circulation list then please email your details to [strategic.highways@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.highways@shropshire.gov.uk)

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During the course of the works, please respect our workers space and safety by driving carefully and slowly through the roadworks. Everyone is entitled to a safe workplace. Our men and women work next to moving traffic and risk injury every day.

**Please only approach our site personnel if there is an absolute need to do so, and please ensure that you comply with social distancing rules by keeping at least 2m away from any person.**

## Next steps

The Project team are working closely with Highways England who manage and maintain the A5, so that we can satisfy the Technical requirements as the new roundabout and sections of road will be passed to them to maintain in future years.

A consultation process is currently underway regarding specific legal Orders that address the need for the transfer of ownership of roads/land from Shropshire Council to Highways England and vice versa. Details of the Orders and associated plans can be found on our website by following the link below:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/future-oswestry-project/infrastructure-projects/mile-end-improvements/>

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