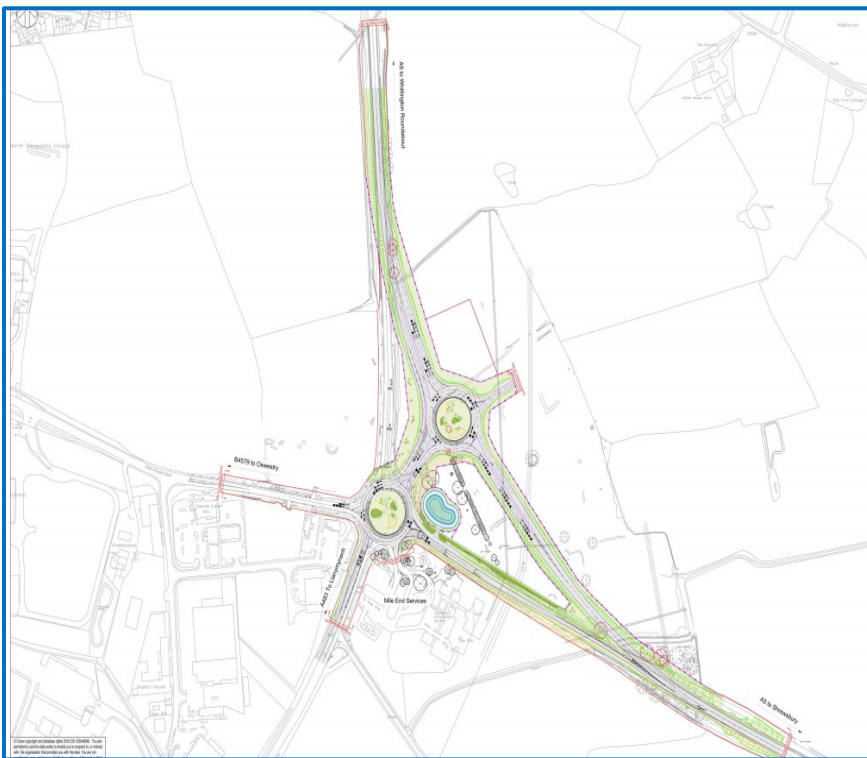


Shropshire Council have appointed Balfour Beatty to construct the improvements to the Mile End Roundabout (junction of the A5, A483 and B4579 Shrewsbury road) in Oswestry.

The existing Mile End Junction is a five-arm roundabout with one exit that was 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 is being 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 the spring work has continued on ground works, diversion of utility apparatus, installation of drainage systems and more recently, the initial layers of construction that will make up the foundation for the new road and roundabout. All these works have been contained within the land owned by Shropshire Council with vegetation clearance works adjacent to the A5 requiring traffic management to be in place from time to time.



Eastern tie in

Road Safety Audit sign off and Technical Approvals have been obtained from National Highways (formerly Highways England) which provides the team the necessary authority to continue with the main works which will now forge ahead through to completion in Spring 2022.

Although the majority of the works are taking place off the main carriageway, it is necessary to have some night-time road closures and the periods for these are as follows:

- September 13th – 17th daily from 8pm – 6am for laying service ducts across the existing A5 by the services
- September 20th – November 4th daily from 8pm to 6am to work on the northern tie in just north of the existing Mile End roundabout
- November 5th – December 1st from 8pm to 6am to work on the southern tie in to the east of the existing Mile End roundabout.

Please note: Road space bookings have been made to cover the entire period from 13th September through to 17th December and whilst every effort will be made to adhere to the dates above, operational, logistical or weather related matters beyond our control may cause these to be amended.



New roundabout



Northern tie in



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Advance warning signs have been placed out on the highway and **mobile LED variable message signs are being used to provide further advance warning.**

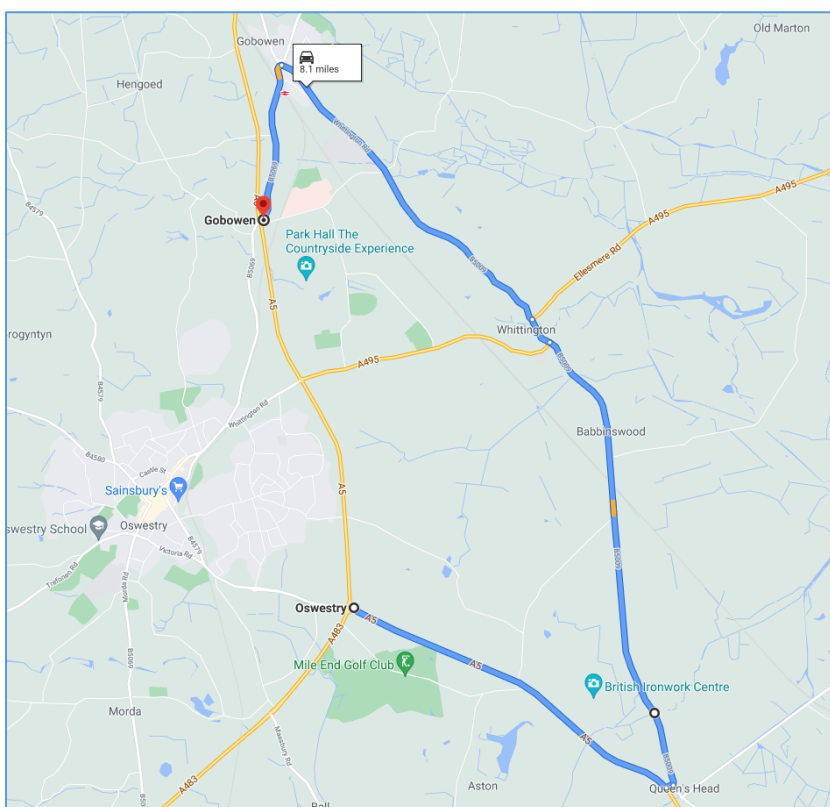
Works will be carried out to tie-in the new alignment of the A5 at Mile End Roundabout to the existing A5 road. This will involve building up the existing road level to meet the new road level by adding extra surfacing and building up the verges, painting road markings and adding road studs.

Once in operation, this new road alignment will help to decongest local traffic flows at Mile End from through traffic on the A5.

During closures, we'll provide a fully signed diversion route. The routes are as follows:

A5 closed between Mile End Roundabout and Whittington Roundabout

When heading north, take the A5 eastbound towards Shrewsbury. At the Queens Head junction, take the B5009 north through Whittington to Gobowen. At the main roundabout in Gobowen, take the first exit onto the B5069. At Five Crosses roundabout, rejoin the A5 north. When heading south, the reverse route is used.



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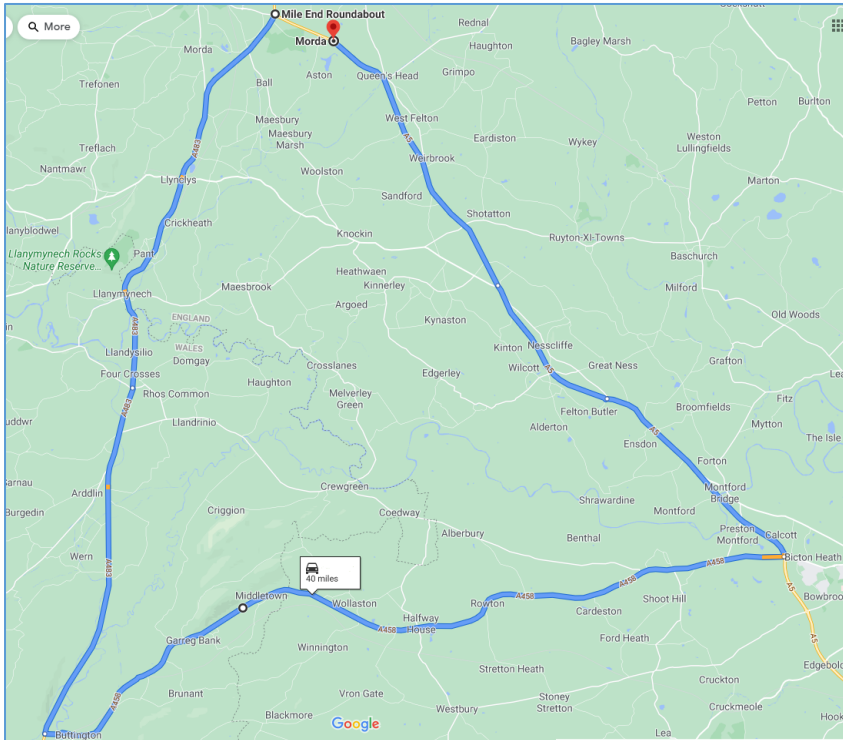
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A5 closed between Mile End Roundabout and Shrewsbury Road (east)

When heading south, take the A483 south to Welshpool Roundabout, then take the first exit onto the A458. At Churncote Roundabout, take the first exit onto the A5 north towards Mile End. When heading north, the reverse route is used.



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Email addresses and other data will be kept secure and will not be released without the express permission of the individual/organisation concerned.

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 any current social distancing rules as directed by Central Government



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