

A452 Europa Way -Ford Foundry (Myton Road/Old Warwick Road) and Queensway roundabouts: Progress Update

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Overview

On 13th May 2024, work commenced on the A452 Europa Way Ford Foundry (Myton Road/Old Warwick Road) and Queensway roundabouts scheme, a Warwickshire County Council designed project carried out by principal contractor CR Reynolds.

The largescale development will be carried out in several distinct construction phases (A to M) to minimise local disruption and maximise construction activity within the traffic management window available between weekday peak hours.

Phases A (Queensway Roundabout) and C (Queensway Roundabout splitter islands) have commenced on site including new swale construction, new carriageway lane construction and drainage installation. Phase A and C will continue throughout July including tasks such as completing the remaining swale excavation and form, carriageway construction and traffic signal ducting installation.

Traffic management lane closures on the approaches to Queensway Roundabout are in place during off peak times to ensure the safety of the workforce on site and public.

We thank all residents, businesses, and visitors to the area for their co-operation and patience as we work to deliver these improvements.

Works are progressing well on site and completion of the scheme is still on track for summer 2025.

Progress to Date

Phase A – Queensway Roundabout

Phase A has begun on Queensway roundabout to make way for an additional traffic lane and signalisation. The trees in the centre of the island will be retained and have been protected, see Figure 1. Additionally, a new sustainable urban drainage (SuD) swale has been constructed within the roundabout. Its purpose is to act as a natural vegetated filter to ensure carriageway runoff and pollutants are captured before entering the drainage system.



Figure 1 Queensway Roundabout – Drone capture of swale progress

The swale is approximately 160m in circumference and roughly 60% complete, with the aim of finishing the swale on track for mid-July. The swale will be topsoiled using recycled soil from the site which will minimise the reliance of offsite materials and improve overall project sustainability, see Figure 2.



Figure 2 Queensway Roundabout swale construction and topsoiling

Works have also initiated on removing the existing kerbs and installing the new combined kerb drainage units which will run the circumference of the roundabout and feed the swale. Along with constructing the new “Road Box”. (A term used to describe the construction of a new road from the base formation level to finished surface level using several structural sub-layers).

Phase C – Queensway Splitter Islands

Phase C has also commenced and is being constructed alongside Phase A. It includes works to the Queensway roundabout splitter islands. The splitter islands will be reduced in size to make way for an additional lane in the approach to the new widened roundabout. Currently, the road box for the additional lane has been constructed from its clay formation level, followed by upper subbase material and then compacted ready for the next base layers, see Figure 3. The new kerbs have been also laid.



Figure 3 Queensway Splitter Islands – New traffic lane construction process

Further Information

Traffic management around the works continues to be in place off-peak on weekdays. From 22 July to 31 July, traffic management will be extended from 9.30am - 3.30pm to 8am - 5pm. The effect on traffic will be monitored.

The layout of Traffic management will be changing as we enter a new phase of the works programme. A trial of this new layout will be taking place on Thursday 4th July to observe the effects on traffic. If effects are minimal, the new layout will be in place on Monday 8th July onwards. More information and updates are available on our webpage [A452 Europa Way corridor – Warwickshire County Council](#)

On behalf of WCC and CR Reynolds, we apologise for any inconvenience/delays you may encountering due to the temporary traffic management.

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