

## **Milton Road - Bus, Cycling and Walking Improvements Project April 2023 Update**

Welcome to the April update on the Milton Road project. We are publishing this a little later than normal as we waited for this year's City Council elections to conclude. As a public body, there are clear rules covering what we can issue during any pre-election period. There is lots to tell you about the progress of the project, which in some areas are starting to show how the completed works will look like. As always, we would like to thank everyone for their patience while we upgrade the road.

### **Overnight Road Closures**

We will be closing Milton Road to through traffic overnight between 8pm to 6am from Monday 22 May to Friday 26 May between Mitcham's Corner and Arbury Road.

This is so we can put in new traffic signal crossings, move some of the utilities and install more of the new streetlights. We are closing the road so the work can be carried out safely which is not possible in the daytime with the traffic levels on Milton Road.

While we do this work access for residents and busses will be maintained. There will be a letter drop to all affected residents and businesses before these night-time closures, and a diversion route for through traffic will be published nearer the time.

### **Moving the Gas Main**

We are currently working with Cadent Gas on the plans to move the gas main in some parts of Milton Road. We need to move the pipes to plant some of the new trees that will line both sides of Milton Road.

We are not yet able to confirm timings, but it is likely during the school summer holidays, Cadent Gas will be onsite in the area between Arbury Road and The Milton Arms Pub.

For safety reasons, as they move the gas main, we will need to install temporary traffic lights which will move as the work progresses. While we are doing these works in the school summer holidays, when there is less traffic, journey times along Milton Road will be impacted, especially when Cadent will be working close to the Arbury Road junction, which will require the use of four-way temporary traffic lights.

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In addition, once these works start the bus stop at Downham's Lane will be closed. The closest alternative bus stops are located at Sorbus Walk or at the shops opposite Oak Tree Avenue.

We will provide more information in the next monthly update.

## Tree Planting

We have planted the first of the 194 new trees to make Milton Road the tree lined avenue you asked for as part of the project.

The trees selected have matured in a nursery for 15 years before planting. This means they have an established root ball, so will be placed either into newly installed soil cells or swales, to support their growth and keep their roots from interfering with underground utilities. The trees chosen are a diverse selection of species to support the local environment and wildlife. Once planted, the trees will be looked after to ensure they properly establish.



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## Bus Stops



As work on the project carries on, we will need to move the locations of the bus stops on Milton Road. The table below give an update on the current situation. By the nature of the work, these will be subject to change as work continues and we will continue to let you know what changes are happening to the bus stops as the project continues.

Bus Stop	Current Status
Mitcham's Corner outside Subway south	<b>Suspended</b> - new location – Herbert St.
Westbrook Centre north	<b>Suspended</b> - new location – Cambridge Manor Care Home
Union Lane junction south	<b>Suspended</b> - new location – opposite Ascham Road
Downham's Lane south	<b>Suspended</b> - new location - 280 Milton Road
Fraser Road	<b>Open</b>
Kendal Way south	<b>Suspended</b> - new location - 398 Milton Road
Milton Road opposite the Golden Hind	<b>Open</b>

Bus stop suspended signage will always be displayed with a notice of the new temporary location for all affected stops.

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## Resurfacing

You will be able to see that resurfacing of some sections of Milton Road has now begun. Sections include outside the shops of Mitcham's Corner, the northeast corner of the Highworth /Elizabeth Way roundabout and stretches from Kendal Way. Some sections are now open to pedestrians.



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## Kendal Way and Oak Tree Avenue

Both Kendal Way and Oak Tree Avenue have now fully reopened. Work had been undergoing over a number of weeks in order to create the new road junctions in line with the plans for the project. Both sets of work were completed within the planned 10-week timeframe and were successfully reopened for all access. We would like to thank you for your patience while we carried out this work.



*\*Photograph shows Oak Tree Avenue junction progress*



*\*Photograph shows Kendal Way junction progress*

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## Street Lighting

We have started to install some of the 60+ new street lighting that will be put in as part of the works. We have started on the east side of Milton Road removing the old lights and posts and replacing them with new lights which are LED and will therefore be much more energy efficient. Once complete, Milton Road will benefit from increased street lighting which will improve safety and visibility of those using the road, new cycle lanes and footpaths.

## Highworth Avenue/Elizabeth Way roundabout

Works to the northeast section of roundabout have now reached a point where we can reopen it for pedestrians. As a result, upgrades to the southeast section have now begun. This will see the same type of improvements as on northeast quadrant with the old kerbs and pavement

being broken out and the new kerb line and the new layout installed. Please follow the temporary pedestrian diversion route while works take place.



*\*Photograph shows the northeast quadrant of the roundabout*

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