

Milton Road - bus, cycling and walking improvements project December 2023 update



The Milton Road project aims to improve public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure to make these sustainable travel options a more attractive alternative to the car.

This month has been a busy one with more areas being completed or nearly complete ready for the festive season, and new pieces of work well underway.

Christmas break arrangements

- Works will stop from 22 December until 2 January 2024.
- A full site safety review is being carried on Friday 22 December prior to activity stopping on site to ensure safety is prioritised over the Christmas break.
- We will be removing as much traffic management and barriers as possible and will make as many areas as we can accessible to the public.
- For the safety of everyone, we would like to remind the public any areas still sectioned off should be treated with care and should not be entered.
- Traffic management maintenance will be undertaking daily traffic management checks through this period.
- For any urgent matters over the festive period, please contact the 24-hour Milestone Customer Service contact centre: 0800 023 4762 which will continue to operate throughout the Christmas break. Any messages sent to the Milton Road inbox MiltonRoad@milestoneinfra.co.uk will be responded to as soon as possible in the New Year.

General information

- We would like to remind users of Milton Road that all businesses continue to remain open as usual.
- 30-minute parking restriction signs have now been replaced at the Mitcham's Corner shops area.
- As a result of feedback, additional signage is in place for school pupils to make it easier to follow the correct diversion route for both along Ascham Road and Gilbert Road.
- A reminder that the footway between Westbrook Drive and Gilbert Road is now open for access to the care home and hotel and access to the south side of Gilbert Road only. Please use the crossing point provided at Westbrook Drive to access the east side of the road for all other destinations.

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Completed works King's Hedges vicinity



View of the south-east quadrant of King's Hedges junction

As works at the King's Hedges junction progress, the south-east quadrant is now open as far as the Co-op. Works are continuing along the side of the Co-op on Green End Road and will be completed early in the New Year. This will mean that work on the King's Hedges junction is more than 50% complete.

All four pedestrian crossings at the junction are fully open and operational, although you may need to wait a little longer for the red light to change. This is to prioritise the flow of traffic through this busy junction to ease congestion. We have installed notices to inform pedestrians about a longer wait time. Please do not attempt to cross the road until the light turns green, for the safety of all users of the area.

On the east side of Milton Road, the final layer of asphalt between Cook Close and King's Hedges has been laid. The first layer of tarmac has been laid ('binder course') between the Volkswagen Garage and King's Hedges (towards the Guided Busway). A final layer ('surface course') will then be laid at a later date.

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New works

King's Hedges vicinity

Work on the south-west quadrant is scheduled to start on 4 January 2024.



Earlier photo of the south-west quadrant (left) taken from the south-east quadrant

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Roundabout to Arbury Road shops

Works on the west between the roundabout and Arbury Road are now under way. There are narrow lanes on the west side between the roundabout and Arbury Road with the eastern carriageway now the 'live lane'. All shops can still be accessed, and the bus stop in this area remains open.

This work is being carried out in three phases:

- Phase 1 is the roundabout to the substation next to 107a Milton Road (currently being worked on). To date, drainage has been installed in this section, the old kerb line removed and the new one dug out. Edging kerbs have been installed. Asphalt removal and excavation is continuing.
- Phase 2 is an extension of phase 1, from the roundabout to No. 127 (commences after Christmas)
- Phase 3 is 129 to Arbury Road, including the junction (commences after Christmas).



View of the Arbury Road shops area from the south

Please note that phase 2 is inclusive of the works currently underway in phase 1 and will commence after Christmas. As phase 2 commences, a second team will begin from No.127 and will work southbound towards the roundabout. As part of the phase 2 works, the team currently working between the roundabout and the substation will continue work in the New Year and then work northbound to meet up with the second team.

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Union Lane closure

To enable work on the Arbury Road junction to be carried out as smoothly as possible in the New Year, Union Lane will be closed to vehicles at the Milton Road end between the following dates:

- 8 January 2024 to 16 February 2024
- 26 February 2024 to 24 May 2024

Work will take place on Arbury Road under temporary traffic lights. By closing Union Lane, we can alter the traffic light timings to improve traffic flow in the area. Access for pedestrians and cyclists will be maintained from Milton Road onto Union Lane as normal.

We appreciate this will be disruptive to the local area. However, by carrying out the works in this manner we hope to reduce the overall impact of disruption to both residents of Union Lane, and the wider community of Milton Road by minimising congestion and waiting times at this busy junction.

Access to Union Lane by vehicle will be via Green End Road/Scotland Road and/or via Chesterton High Street from the Elizabeth Way roundabout.

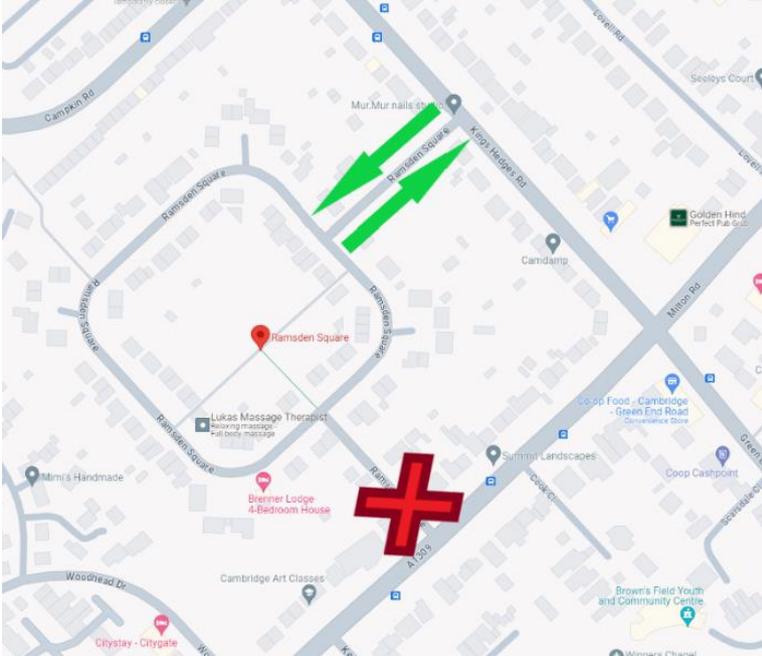


Union Lane / Milton Road junction

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Ramsden Square Copenhagen crossing



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Works to create a new Copenhagen crossing for Ramsden Square (similar to the one at Kendal Way – image below) are starting after Christmas. To enable these works to take place, the exit on to Milton Road will be closed to all means of transport from 8 January 2024 for approximately 8 weeks.

Access to Ramsden Square by foot, cycle or vehicle will be via King's Hedges Road as shown in this map.



Copenhagen crossing at Kendal Way (photograph taken in May 2023).

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Ongoing works

Mitcham's Corner to Westbrook Drive – west

We have installed around 30 metres of kerbs and carried out preparation for demarcation kerbs (to separate cyclists and pedestrians). Drainage, linear channels to take surface water away and edging kerbs have also been completed in this section.

Gilbert Road and Ascham Road area

Please note that because of the following works, the inbound Ascham Road bus stop has temporarily moved to opposite No.59 Milton Road.

Footway construction is continuing north of Gilbert Road on the east. The remaining linear drainage and kerbing is to be completed. Black and red asphalt has been laid southbound on the east from the roundabout to in between Hurst Park Avenue and Ascham Road. This section is now open for pedestrian access.



As works progress in this area, traffic signals are being installed at Gilbert Road and Ascham Road.

Also, tree cell excavation is taking place north of Gilbert Road on the west ready for footway construction. To find out more about this process, visit [GreenBlue Urban](#).

[Watch](#) our video which details how the new trees on Milton Road are being cared for.

Example of tree cell excavation on Milton Road.

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South of Highworth Avenue / Elizabeth Way roundabout - west

Drainage has been installed within this section along with around 25 metres of kerbs, demarcation kerbs and linear channels.

Downham's Lane - west

Now that we have completed works on the north side of the junction of Downham's Lane on the west side of Milton Road, we are allowing vehicles to use this newly constructed lane and have closed the south side (entry lane) into Downham's Lane. This is to enable us to keep Downham's Lane open and accessible to residents at all times. The traffic lights at this junction will continue to be in operation while these works take place.

The road will be fully open during the Christmas period without traffic lights. The traffic lights will be reinstated back in the New Year so that the works can be completed.

We are aware of the recent traffic light fault that occurred at this junction and would like to say sorry for the inconvenience caused. The lights across the scheme are monitored during working hours to ensure they are operating correctly. However, on occasion, faults can still occur. Should you notice any temporary lights that are not correctly working, please call the 24-hour number 0800 023 4762 to report the issue.

South of Woodhead Drive - west

Works here are currently being finalised southwards to opposite Fraser Road. Once all works in this area are completed, we will be able to open this section to the public.

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Bus stop update



Any bus stops not listed below are currently open and functioning as normal.

'Bus stop suspended' signage will always be displayed with a notice of the new temporary location. Information boards and service provider websites will also display information.

Suspended bus stops

The following bus stops are currently suspended and have been replaced as shown in the table below.

Bus stop	Temporary location
Ascham Road southbound	Opposite No. 59
Downham's Lane southbound	270 Milton Road
Downham's Lane northbound	209 Milton Road
Fraser Road northbound	209 Milton Road
Kendal Way northbound	Opposite Cook Close
Golden Hind southbound	398 Milton Road

Newly opened

Bus stop
Westbrook Centre northbound
Union Lane southbound
Kendal Way southbound

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The following bus services are currently stopping on Milton Road:

Milton P&R (PR5) Stopping at P&R, Science Park, Kendal Way (northbound stop temporarily moved to opposite Cook Close), Fraser Rd (northbound temporarily moved to 209 Milton Road, Downham's Lane (southbound stop temporarily moved to 270 Milton Rd and northbound to 209 Milton Road), Union Lane, Ascham Rd (southbound temporarily moved to opposite 59 Milton Road), Westbrook Centre.

Number 9 Stopping at Science Park, Kendal Way (northbound stop temporarily moved to opposite Cook Close), Fraser Road (northbound temporarily moved to 209 Milton Road), Downham's Lane (southbound stop temporarily moved to 280 Milton Rd and northbound to 209 Milton Road), Union Lane, Ascham Rd (southbound temporarily moved to opposite 59 Milton Road), Westbrook Centre.

B the busway Stopping at Westbrook Centre.

4A Only stopping at Kendal Way (northbound stop temporarily moved to opposite Cook Close) - service once a day.

Number 2 Stopping at P&R, driving test centre, Cambridge North, driving test centre, Chesterton - Milton Rd.

Number 1 Stopping at Westbrook Centre southbound.

Drop-in session

The next monthly drop-in session, with staff from Milestone, will be 11am – 12pm on Monday 8 January at Milton Road Library. Please do note that this is a drop-in session and visitors are encouraged to free up space for those coming in.

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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