

NEW ROUNDABOUT ON KNOWLE ROAD

Introduction

Works are underway on the first phase of Welborne which will include new homes, a village centre with pub and local businesses, a primary school and new parks and green spaces. Infrastructure is needed to support the development including a new roundabout on Knowle Road.

Please see Fact Sheet 9 dated May 2023 for more details ([Welborne.co.uk/news/Welborne-fact-sheets](https://welborne.co.uk/news/welborne-fact-sheets)).

Preparation Works

Whilst the main construction works for the roundabout are not expected to begin until the new year, preparation works have been needed to fit into the ecology calendar.

The recent works evolved around vegetation removal for the “arms” of the roundabout. The northern “arm” will link into phase 1 whilst the southern “arm” will be fenced off for connection at a much later date. All works are governed by strict requirements of Natural England licences. Two ecologists were present throughout the recent works using finger-tip searches to check for protected species. Hand tools were then used to remove ground level vegetation before machinery could be used to remove larger trees and bushes.

New landscape and planting are part of the new roundabout designs. This will include native species trees such as maple, chestnut and oak.

Main Works

The image overleaf shows the location of the new roundabout. Works are expected to start in early 2024 and last for approximately 15 weeks. Existing service diversion will be necessary south of Knowle Road before the main roundabout works start.

The new sewers that cross Knowle Road will be installed at the same time as the roundabout.

Day-time traffic management measures will be in place on Knowle Road with temporary traffic lights. This may add a few minutes to the journey from Knowle to the A32. The school bus will still have access to the existing bus stop. The cycle and pedestrian routes will remain open but users may need to be escorted through the works.

The speed limit through the main works will reduce to 30mph.

Completed Works

Once the main works are complete, the roundabout will be planted and landscaped. Lighting columns will be installed leading up to the roundabout with additional lighting for the cycleway. Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to cross at dedicated crossing points.

Discussions are underway with Hampshire County Council and the police around speed limit changes. It is anticipated that the speed limit will be reduced to 40mph after the roundabout is in use.

Once open, the roundabout will be used by visitors to show homes and then by new residents as they move in late 2024. Construction lorries will continue to use the existing access point off the A32 at Crocker Hill.

The new car park for access to existing and new public footpaths and bridleways in Dashwood and the Welborne Mile will be open in late Spring 2024.

Future plans for Knowle Road

As a public highway, Knowle Road was included as an integral part of the Welborne road network by Fareham Borough Council in their Welborne Plan adopted in 2015.

Knowle Road will gradually change in its appearance over the next 7 to 10+ years as houses and the village centre are built to the north, and in time further phases are developed to the south. It will change

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from an open road to more of a tree lined avenue, keeping the pedestrian and cycle route and green verges. The speed limit is expected to reduce to 30mph.

In time, Knowle Road will no longer be the only access to the A32 for Knowle residents. Additional roads will open, offering alternative routes to the A32 to the north and to the new M27 junction 10 to the south. These new roads will also give access to the village centre shops and community facilities.

Further updates on Welborne progress will be provided via our website welborne.co.uk

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