

A4440 upgrade scheme: 24/04/17 Highways open session.

Thanks to those who attended the open session where two members of Highways displayed detailed plans and visuals and also provided information and timescales on every aspect of the scheme. I thought that some may appreciate a brief update on some key points:

The slip road from the Whittington roundabout down the hill towards Norton roundabout opened this morning.

The current traffic management at the Norton roundabout will be lifted over the next two weeks.

Works to complete the current phase will continue until July 2017 – these will be ‘off highways’ i.e. not impacting on A4440 traffic.

Further ‘off highways’ work will continue until Easter 2018 in preparation for the replacement rail bridge.

Rail bridge installed last week of May 2018.

Reconfiguration of the dual carriageway will be completed in Spring 2019 (details tbc).

It has been recommended that the safety barrier installed at the leg of the existing rail bridge will be lengthened (as recommended by a design, audit and review process) before the fully dualled carriageway is opened.

Due to concerns around people crossing the A4440 at the Norton roundabout, Highways are reviewing the existing crossing.

Lastly, there is a proposal to improve the underpass at the Ketch roundabout.

Email any comments or concerns about the scheme to wts@worcestershire.gov.uk.

The Parish Council will seek to arrange another session next year immediately before or after installation of the new rail bridge where details around the final configuration of the dual carriageway will be available.

St Peter’s Parish Council