

## **Southern Link Road (A4440) Update**

### **Ketch:**

Following the completion of a review of the Ketch Junction audit findings, work was carried out in June, 2015 to put in place a number of its recommendations. This included:

- Hatching out the merger lane exiting the roundabout onto Carrington Bridge;
- Removal of the straight on arrow on the right hand lane approach from the Norton roundabout to the Ketch roundabout and replacing this with destination marking;
- Improving the circulatory markings on the roundabout;
- Addition lamp column to improve a 'dark spot'.

Further planting, including the replacement of some trees that were damaged during maintenance work, will take place along the bund in the Autumn/Winter 2015..

The Ketch Junction improvements are Phase 2 of the overall A4440 Worcester Southern Link Road project. This is one of the most significant projects of its type in Worcestershire for decades with investment of over £40m. When complete, it will improve traffic flow along one of the key routes in the county.

### **Phase 3: Norton Junction to Whittington Junction**

Work has commenced on Phase 3 of the Southern Link Road improvements. To date, the following has been undertaken:

- Vegetation clearance;
- Preparation for the installation of statutory utilities
- Development of mitigation measures for residents living in close proximity to the works.