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Work to continue on the Southern Link Road

As you are aware, Worcestershire County Council is committed to improving the Southern Link Road (A4440) between Whittington and Powick Roundabouts. The Southern Link Road is one of the most important strategic transport routes in the county and has an important role to play in reducing traffic in the city centre and residential areas. You may recall that an extensive public engagement exercise about the next phase of work was carried out last winter to inform on the scheme and help determine local environmental protection measures.

Worcestershire County Council will now commence work to improve the Norton Roundabout junction during the week commencing **Monday October 5**, as part of the next stage of the A4440 Worcester Southern Link Road improvement scheme. This next phase will include:

- The dual-tracking of the entire length of the Southern Link Road between Whittington and Ketch roundabouts.
- A new dedicated left-hand turn from Whittington Road (from M5 junction seven) to the westbound Crookbarrow Way (A4440) – thereby removing the current "give way" arrangement on the Whittington Roundabout.
- A new bridleway bridge crossing the road suitable for pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders.
- Improvements to Norton Roundabout.

We can confirm the following measures will be implemented during construction work:

- Contractor's vehicles will be prohibited from using residential areas;
- Any night work and overnight road closures will be kept to a minimum and, where possible, notice of at least 7 days will be given;
- An earth "bund" or embankment will be installed on Broomhall Green;
- An earth bund will be installed on the north-eastern side of the roundabout to serve as a "buffer";
- Areas of the existing bund on the north side of the A4440, east of the roundabout will be extended slightly (subject to final agreement), in-filled and planted up with additional evergreen vegetation;
- A noise fence will be installed on the north side of the A4440, west of the roundabout.

The attached plan details the above measures.

If you have any comments or queries about the work, please contact Michele Jones or Nicky Fletcher at wts@worcestershire.gov.uk

You can also find out more on the County Council's website:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SLRphase3

Yours faithfully,

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