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Welcome to the first Nottingham Ring Road Improvement Scheme bulletin, which marks the opening of the first major stage, and provides an update as the scheme enters its second year.

What's happened so far?

The Ring Road improvement works started at the end of July 2013. So far, the roundabout at Aspley Lane has been removed and replaced with a new four-way traffic-signal controlled junction. These works are nearing full completion.

The works have created a safer junction for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists, and also added an additional lane on the northbound side of Western Boulevard between Aspley Lane and Nuthall Road. Other works have taken place on Middleton Boulevard where new street lighting has been installed and the central reservation has been dug out to enable carriageway widening on the southbound side of the road.


The new Aspley Lane / Ring Road junction

What's next?

Works will continue to fully complete the Aspley Lane junction until February. We do not expect these works to significantly impact on traffic as they will be carried out mostly off the public highway.

Tree planting is planned to take place during the spring 2014 planting season

The Aspley Lane completion works include:

- Footpath resurfacing
- Grass verge and landscaping works
- Pedestrian guard railing
- Lighting and traffic signal detection equipment installation
- Sign installation
- Anti-skid surfacing

More upcoming works in 2014

Hucknall Road roundabout



Artist's impression of the upgraded Hucknall Road roundabout

The next major stage of the Ring Road Improvement Scheme will be to upgrade the Hucknall Road roundabout by the City Hospital and Nottingham High School's sports ground. These works will start off the public highway in January, when flood mitigation measures to extend the culvert over Day Brook and the construction of a new embankment commence.

The highway works are planned to start once this work is completed, currently scheduled for May 2014. Public information events will take place in the spring to explain how the new roundabout will be built and how traffic could be affected while the works take place.

Crown Island

Some site clearance works south of the Crown Island subway will also start in the spring. These will be followed by advance works to accommodate the utility diversions required, including relocation of an electricity substation.

Other works in this area are expected to start in summer 2014, with the construction of a new highway retaining wall and extension of the subway. All these works will generally take place off the public highway.

Western Boulevard

The construction of an additional northbound lane between Beechdale Road and Aspley Lane will start in the spring. Prior to construction, those trees necessary to widen the carriageway will be removed first before the bird nesting season begins in March. This will be followed by new street lighting column installation and road widening, taking land from the central reservation. These works are expected to take four months.

The City Council is keen to preserve the boulevard effect along the Ring Road. Semi-mature trees will be planted to replace those removed once the widening work has been completed, which will be selected to ensure that they will thrive within the new central reservation.

For more information about the Ring Road scheme:

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Thank you for your patience during the construction works. We will continue to work to minimise any traffic disruption where possible while the improvements take place.

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