

# The A1 Bramham to Wetherby Upgrading Scheme

## Draft Orders Publication

### Introduction

In June 2002 the Minister for Transport announced a scheme to upgrade the A1 to motorway standard between the A64 Bramham crossroads junction and Wetherby. The decision followed a safety study carried out between Bramham and Barton.

The proposals include the widening of the existing A1 to dual three lane motorway, closure of Tenter Hill, Walton Road and Wetherby Grange junctions with the A1, and construction of an access road for local and non-motorway traffic.

A preliminary design for the scheme has now been developed in consultation with local councils, action groups and parish councils. The scheme has now progressed to Draft Order Publication and this leaflet describes the next stage in the process.

### Why are the Improvements Necessary?

Traffic flows on the A1 in the Wetherby area are currently around 83,000 vehicles per day (2003). This number is expected to rise to approximately 135,000 vehicles per day in around 20 years time. This will lead to unacceptable levels of congestion at the existing dual two lane section around Wetherby.

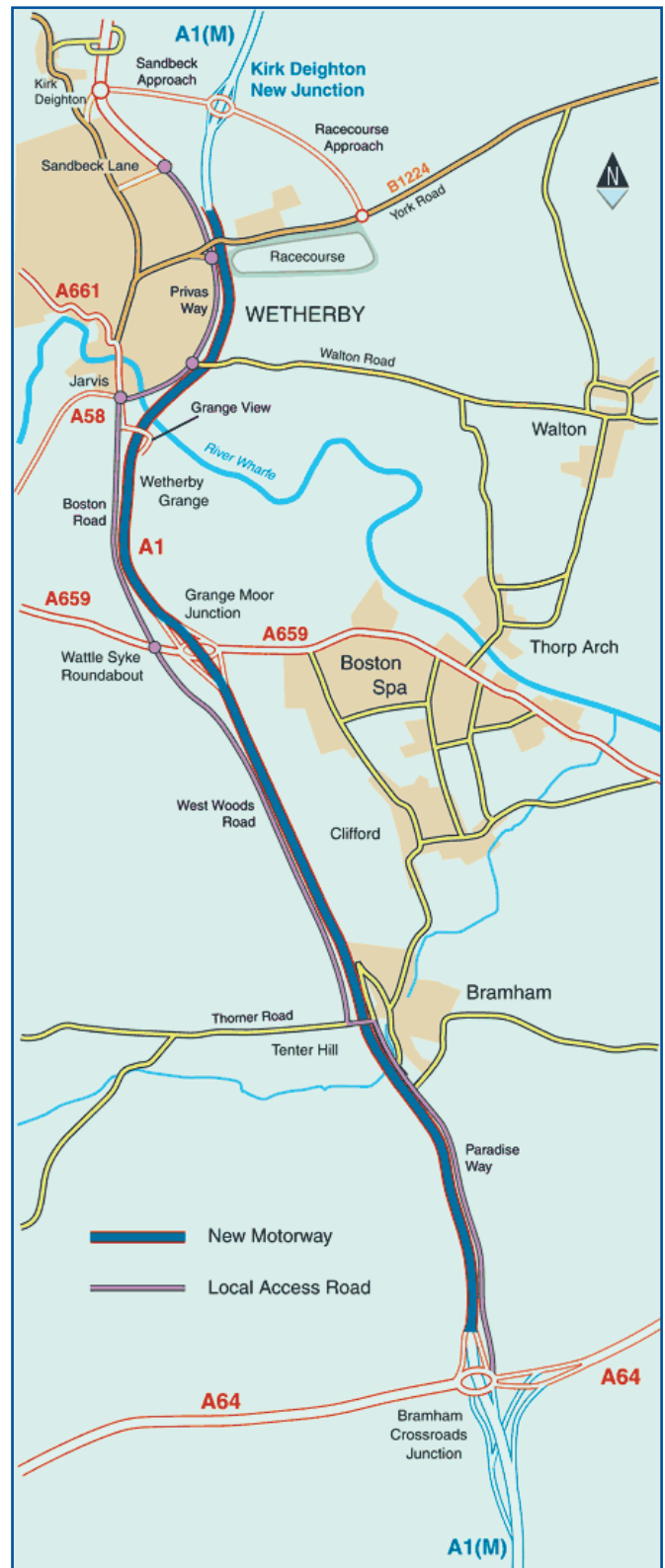
Congestion disrupts the flow of vehicles and encourages drivers to avoid the route, causing pollution and noise in local towns and villages and making residential roads more dangerous.

### The Proposals

#### The A1

The Highways Agency proposes to upgrade the A1 between the A64 Bramham crossroads and the Kirk Deighton New Junction to dual three lane motorway standard. This will be achieved by widening the carriageway around Wetherby and the improvement of signs and communications equipment between Bramham crossroads and Wetherby. The existing bridges over the A1 at Wetherby Grange and Walton Road will be replaced, an additional bridge constructed over the River Wharfe and the Wetherby subway lengthened to accommodate the wider carriageway.

The junctions at Tenter Hill (Bramham), Wetherby Grange (Wetherby) and Walton Road (Wetherby) will be closed in order to improve traffic flow on the motorway. Access to the motorway will be restricted to the existing junctions at Bramham Crossroads, Wetherby Grange and Kirk Deighton New Junction.



## Local Access Road

A new Local Access Road will be provided between Bramham Crossroads and Sandbeck Lane to carry local traffic. It will run on the east side of the A1 between the A64 and Bramham and on the west side of the A1 between Bramham and Sandbeck Lane. New roundabouts will be provided at Wattle Syke on the A659 and York Road. Existing roundabouts and junctions at Tenter Hill, Grange Moor, on the A58 at the Jarvis Hotel, Walton Road, York Road and Sandbeck Lane will be improved or enlarged.

## Environmental Assessment

Extensive environmental surveys and assessments of the likely effects have been carried out by the Highways Agency during the preliminary design process. Mitigation measures have been designed to reduce the overall impact of the scheme on the environment.

Proposed mitigation measures include:

- Visual screening with trees and shrubs
- Noise fencing and mounds where appropriate
- Landscape planting

An Environmental Statement with details of planned mitigation measures will be published with the Orders.

## Landscape & Land Use

The landscape proposals aim to be sympathetic with the existing landscape character and the nearby settlements. Some agricultural land will be required to construct the scheme but landowners will be provided access to their land, via new gates and access tracks where necessary.

## Biodiversity

The scheme will have no significant effects on protected species or sites of conservation value. Any small effects will be reduced by replacement of natural habitats.

## Cultural Heritage

Significant archaeological remains exist to the west of the A1. Effects on this important heritage site have been avoided by advanced trial trenching works and careful location of the scheme away from the most sensitive and important archaeological areas. Any remaining effects will be mitigated by a programme of archaeological excavation before and during construction.

## Noise and Air Quality

There will be no significant adverse effects on air quality as a result of the scheme. Low noise surfacing will be used for areas of new road construction to reduce the effects of noise on nearby settlements. In addition, noise fences and mounds will be provided in key locations (Bramham and Wetherby) to further reduce the effects of noise. In Bramham, a large number of properties will experience a significant reduction of noise. In Wetherby, the noise environment will be unlikely to change significantly due to the scheme.

## Water Quality

Water from the scheme will be collected in ditches and ponds and treated before flowing into existing watercourses.

## Pedestrians, Cyclists & Horse-Riders

The scheme will provide a link between Bramham and Wetherby next to, but separate from, the A1. This could be used by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders and will connect with existing public rights of way in the vicinity of the scheme.

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## Statutory Procedures

There are various statutory and legal procedures that the Highways Agency must follow in order to progress this scheme to construction.

The publication of Draft, Line, Appropriation, Side Roads, Detrunking and Compulsory Purchase Orders mark the beginning of the Statutory Procedures for this scheme.

The following table summarises the purpose of the various Orders being published:

(i) Appropriation Order	Enables the existing route to be appropriated for improvement purposes
(ii) Line Order	Enables creation of the new trunk road highway
(iii) Side Roads Order	Enables the legal closure and/or creation of non trunk road highways and private accesses
(iv) Detrunking Order	Enables change of status of the existing A1 from trunk road to classified road, transferring the management and maintenance responsibility to the local highway authority
(v) Compulsory Purchase	Enables the Secretary of State to acquire the land and rights necessary for the proposed scheme.

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**Telephone 0113 283 5423**

## What Happens Next

Public exhibitions displaying the proposals for the scheme and the Draft Orders will be held at the following locations:-

<i>Location</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Open Times</i>	<i>Specialist Times</i>
<b>Ramada Jarvis Hotel</b> <b>Wetherby,</b> <b>LS22 6NE</b>	<i>Fri</i>	<b>22nd July 2005</b>	<b>12 - 8pm</b>	<b>4 - 8pm</b>
	<i>Sat</i>	<b>23rd July 2005</b>	<b>10 - 4pm</b>	<b>10 - 4pm</b>
	<i>Fri</i>	<b>26th Aug 2005</b>	<b>12 - 8pm</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<i>Sat</i>	<b>27th Aug 2005</b>	<b>10 - 4pm</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<i>Fri</i>	<b>9th Sept 2005</b>	<b>12 - 8pm</b>	<b>4 - 8pm</b>
	<i>Sat</i>	<b>10th Sept 2005</b>	<b>10 - 4pm</b>	<b>10 - 4pm</b>
<b>Boston Spa Village Hall</b> <b>Jubilee Room,</b> <b>High Street,</b> <b>Boston Spa</b>	<i>Wed</i>	<b>3rd Aug 2005</b>	<b>12 - 8pm</b>	<b>4 - 8pm</b>
	<i>Thur</i>	<b>4th Aug 2005</b>	<b>10 - 4pm</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Bramham Village Hall</b> <b>Low Way,</b> <b>Bramham LS23 6QT</b>	<i>Wed</i>	<b>20th July 2005</b>	<b>10 - 8pm</b>	<b>10 - 8pm</b>
	<i>Wed</i>	<b>31st Aug 2005</b>	<b>12 - 8pm</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Staff from the Highways Agency and the Agency's appointed contractor and design consultants will be available at the exhibitions to answer your questions.

**Noise, Traffic and Environmental specialists** from the design consultant will be available at the times shown above.

The publication of these Orders allows the proposals to be publicly scrutinised and for formal comments to be received in the form of support, objection or other representation. The end of the period for comment, known as the Objection Period, will be on **29th September 2005**.

If there are unresolved objections to the proposals then a Public Inquiry into the Orders may be held before an independent inspector appointed by the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency. Everyone who has supported, objected to or made other representations about the Orders will be notified of the date and the venue at least six weeks beforehand. Notices will also appear in the local press.

Copies of these Orders and Plans may be inspected during normal office hours from 14th July 2005 at the following locations:-

**Highways Agency (Leeds)**  
Information Point, 9th Floor West  
City House,  
New Station Street  
Leeds LS1 4UR

**Leeds City Council**  
Wetherby One Stop Centre,  
24 Westgate,  
Wetherby LS22 6NL  
Tel:0113 2476618

**Bramham Post Office**  
12 Front Street,  
Bramham, Wetherby LS23 6QT  
Tel: 01937 842275

**North Yorkshire County Council**  
County Hall,  
Northallerton DL7 8AH  
Tel: 01609 780 780

**Leeds City Council**  
Information Centre, Civic Hall,  
Leeds LS1 1UR  
Tel: 0113 247 4384

**Wetherby Library**  
17 Westgate,  
Wetherby LS22 6LL  
Tel: 01937 583144

Letters of support, objection or other representation for the Draft Orders should be sent to:

**Highways Agency,**  
8th Floor West, City House,  
New Station Street,  
Leeds LS1 4UR



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If you do have to drive through roadworks, please take extra care.

- Keep to the speed limit – it is there for your safety
- Get into the correct lane in good time – don't keep switching
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not the roadworks
- Be alert for works traffic leaving or entering roadworks
- Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front
- Observe all signs – they are there to help you

Remember that tiredness can kill.  
Take regular breaks from driving.

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