

Bramham to Wetherby | A1

Upgrade to Motorway

Start of Works

The Scheme

Work will start in May widening the A1 around Wetherby to 3 lane motorway, and upgrading the A1 between the A64 Bramham crossroads and Wetherby to motorway status.



The £61m scheme will improve congestion and safety on the A1 and will integrate this section into the existing north/south motorway network.

Why the upgrade is needed

The A1 is a strategically important north/south inter-regional trunk road, linking London and the South East with the North East of England and Scotland. The existing A1 Bramham to Wetherby section has high levels of traffic and numerous junctions leading to congestion and safety concerns.

Improvement work

The main elements of the scheme are:

- widening 3km of the A1 to 3 Lanes each way
- closure of the A1 junctions at Walton Road, Wetherby Grange and Tenter Hill
- upgrading 12km of the A1 to motorway status
- construction of a new bridge over the River Wharfe
- construction of 2 new bridges over the A1 at Wetherby Grange and Walton Road and demolition of the 2 existing bridges at these locations
- the creation of 12km of local access road
- Improvements to the existing junction at Grange Moor
- the creation of 12km of new works for pedestrians, cyclist and equestrians in the area
- extensive environmental measures including planting in the region of 9,000 trees and shrubs
- the creation of 5 ponds for drainage
- low noise surfacing for all new areas of carriageway construction
- 700 metres of noise bunding and 1,350 metres of noise fences to be installed at selected locations
- archaeological surveys at Wattle Syke

The work so far

Some essential advance work has already been carried out

- removal of trees and shrubs to avoid the bird nesting season



- bat boxes have been erected to provide new habitats for the five species of bat in the area.
- archaeological surveys have been carried out to ensure we identify and preserve any items of our heritage.

Site operations

Overall the construction works will take around 2 years to complete.

We will ensure that any noise and traffic disruption is kept to a minimum.

Our Public Liaison Officer will be available to deal with any problems you might have regarding the works. His contact details are given alongside.

Invitation to Public Exhibition

In order to give you the chance to find out more about the construction of the works, effects on traffic movements and to meet representatives of the project team, an exhibition is being held on:

**Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd June at
Wetherby Town Hall,
Market Place, Wetherby**

**10am - 8pm on Friday
10am - 4pm on Saturday**

Please come along and take the opportunity to discuss the scheme and ask any questions you may have about the proposed scheme.

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Safe driving at roadworks

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



During 2005, five workers were killed and 12 seriously injured in the course of their work on Highways Agency roads. This was the worst year since 1999.

For the safety of all road users and roadworkers, drivers approaching roadworks are advised to:

- Keep within 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