

VICTORIA ARCH WIDENING SCHEME

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We have started the first phase of the Victoria Arch Widening Scheme, a new £115 million pound highway enhancement scheme, which supports Woking's future growth and housing needs.

Funded by the Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF), the project is a once in a generation opportunity to improve Woking Town Centre's transport infrastructure for all modes of transport and, ultimately, unlock existing sites for much needed housing.

The scheme will deliver a new wider Victoria Arch railway bridge which will:

- accommodate a two-way dual carriageway for vehicles including increased height capacity for double decker buses.
- incorporate off-road pedestrian and cycling routes underneath both sides of the new bridge.
- provide a new and improved railway bridge for Network Rail, at one of the busiest points of the railway network between London and the south coast.

To enable and enhance the new bridge, the scheme will also reconfigure the roads on either side of the Victoria Arch bridge. The main improvement will be the removal of the one-way traffic system (surrounding the Triangle site) and extend the two-way dual carriageway, passing underneath the Victoria Arch and along the Guildford Road.

When completed in early 2024, the scheme will significantly enhance traffic flow, reduce congestion in the area and provide safer journeys for pedestrians and cyclists.

We recognise that these works are likely to cause disruption to local residents and businesses and we would like to ask for your patience during this time. We are fully committed to keeping Woking Town Centre open for business and disruption to a minimum.

As the project progresses, we aim to keep you informed of our plans to improve the highway network, specifically around the Triangle site.



Cllr David Bittleston

Leader of Woking
Borough Council



Cllr Ian Johnson

Chairman of the
Scheme's Oversight Panel

The 'Triangle site' is the pocket of land surrounded by the existing one-way road gyratory system incorporating Victoria Road, Station Approach and Guildford Road.

➔ **More news and updates at woking.gov.uk/victoriaarch**

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SCHEME BACKGROUND

The A320 Guildford Road is the main arterial road running through Woking. The historic road layout underneath and on either side of the Victoria Arch railway bridge create a pinch-point for traffic, resulting in significant peak-time congestion. These issues have restricted local growth and housing development opportunities for many years.

It has been our long-term aspiration to address these issues by upgrading the highways layout and widen the Victoria Arch bridge to benefit all users and unlock development sites for much needed town centre housing.

In 2018, we appointed an independent consultant to conduct a six-week public consultation about the proposed road layout changes around the Triangle site and Victoria Arch bridge.

Views were sought from people living and working in the area, as well as those who travel to and from Woking, and other key stakeholders including local elected representatives.

The consultation proposals and accompanying technical reports formed the background data for our bid to central government to fund the road layout enhancements and the widening of the Victoria Arch bridge.

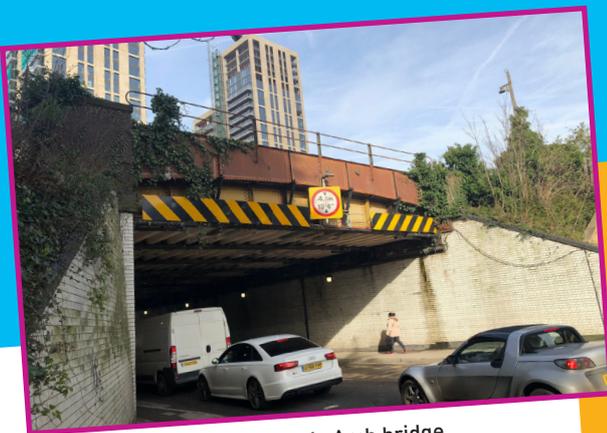
Earlier this year, Woking Borough Council's elected members accepted a capital grant of £95 million to fund the scheme from the Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund.

OVERVIEW OF THE SCHEME'S WORKS

Working in partnership with Surrey County Council, Network Rail and Homes England, the Victoria Arch Widening Scheme will be delivered in three main phases:

PHASE 1 (STARTING SOON):

Demolition of the Triangle site – external demolition works will start on 28 September 2020.



Existing Victoria Arch bridge

PHASE 2:

Works to widen and reconfigure the highways, improve traffic flow and deliver pedestrian and cyclist improvements – scheduled to start autumn 2021.

PHASE 3:

Works to widen and replace the Victoria Arch railway bridge – scheduled to start beginning of 2022.

The demolition of the Triangle site is essential to enable the A320 to be widened and deliver enhanced traffic management and improved pedestrian and cycling facilities.



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ECONOMIC GROWTH**



PHASE 1: DEMOLITION OF JUBILEE HOUSE, SOUTHERN HOUSE AND LYNTON HOUSE

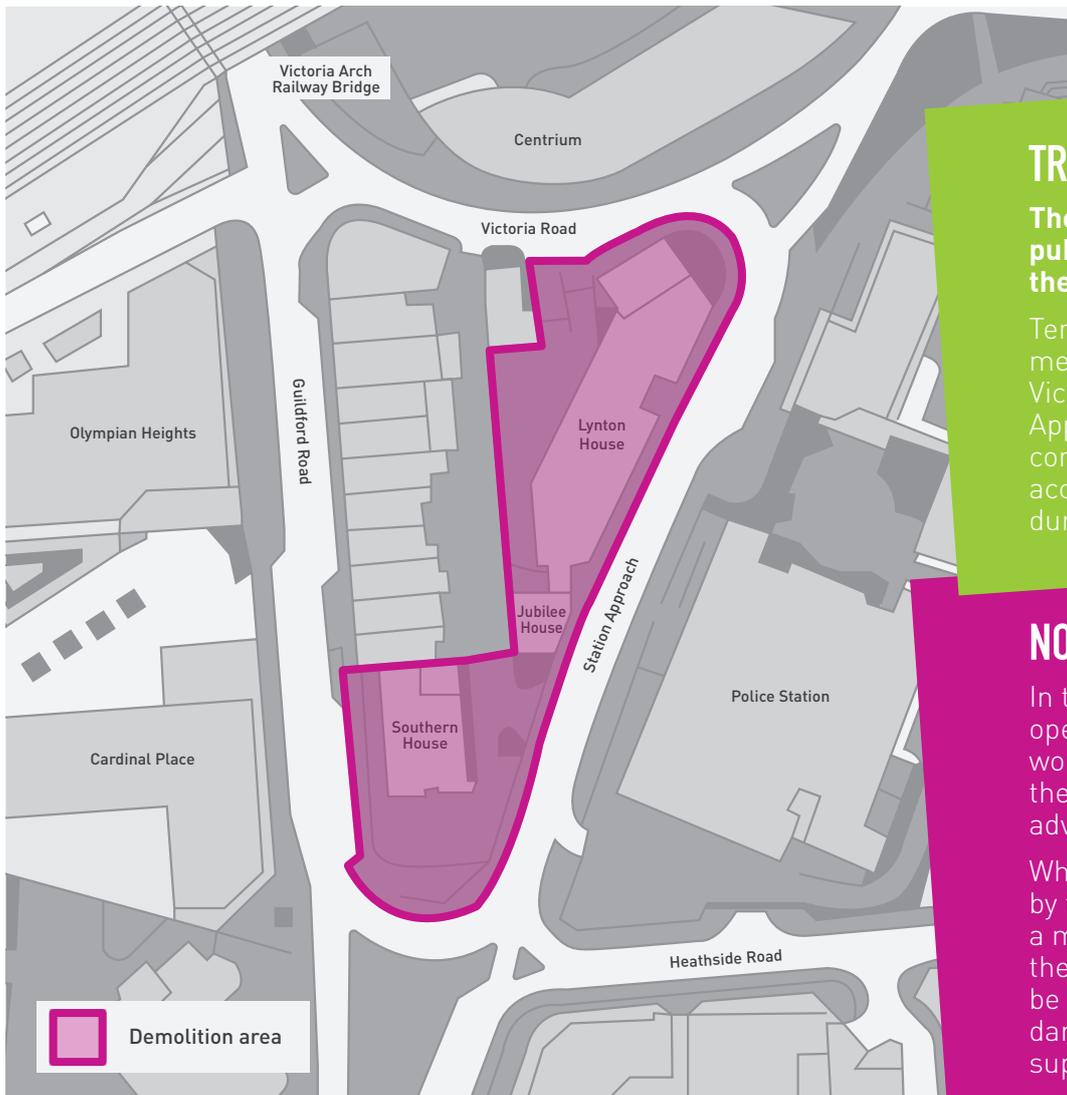
External works to demolish the existing office buildings (Jubilee House, Southern House and Lynton House) will start on 28 September. These are scheduled to run until 28 February 2021.

These works will be delivered and managed by our demolition partner, Hughes and Salvidge.

SITE WORKING HOURS

In line with national regulations, the Triangle site working hours will be:

- Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm
- Saturdays, 8am to 1pm
- Sundays and public bank holidays – no work will be allowed, except in the event of an emergency.



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

There will be no long-term public road closures during the phase one works.

Temporary traffic management measures will be used on Victoria Road and Station Approach to allow the contractor's vehicles to gain access to and from the site during working hours.

NOISE AND DUST

In the event that noisy operations and necessary works are required outside these hours, adequate advance notice will be given.

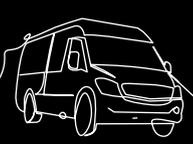
Where possible, noise caused by the works will be kept to a minimum. Dust created by the demolition process will be controlled by means of dampening down using water supplies around the site.



WE ARE UNLOCKING SPACE FOR NEW HOMES



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MORE INFORMATION



In addition to writing to you, general project updates will be published on our website at woking.gov.uk/victoriaarch



You can also sign up to receive email updates. Subscribe online at woking.gov.uk/victoriaarchnews

CONTACT DETAILS

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

For more information or to report any concerns about the demolition works, please contact **Woking Borough Council**.

To help us manage your enquiry efficiently, please provide us with as much detail as possible, including: date(s), time(s), exact location(s) and an overview of your enquiry and/or questions.

Email: victoriaarchscheme@woking.gov.uk

Write to: Victoria Arch, Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking, GU21 6YL.

OUT OF HOURS CONTACTS

In the event of an emergency or during out of hours, please contact Hughes & Salvidge:

07872 033 503

07714 696 288

SOCIAL DISTANCING



BE SENSIBLE
Limit contact with others and keep your distance



BE MINDFUL
Follow the measures in place to protect you and others



BE SAFE
Self-isolate if you or anyone in your household has symptoms

TRANSLATION SERVICES

Do you need help understanding this information?

Czy potrzebujesz pomocy w zrozumieniu tych informacji?

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