

Colchester Rapid Transit System

WORKS UPDATE

Work so far....

Since construction works for the Rapid Transit System on Northern Approach Road commenced in July 2023 approximately 70% of the preparation works for the installation of the new bus lane have been completed.

The bulk of the works have centred on:

- Vegetation removal and site clearance works
- The removal of the traffic islands at the junctions with Wallace Road and Dickenson Road
- Works for the diversion of existing utility cables and new connections
- Preparation of the bus lane footprint
- Extensive site clearance works
- The introduction of a 30mph speed limit on Northern Approach Road for the safety of all road users

What next?

Between January and March 2024 works will focus on:

- From mid-January we will undertake ducting and road crossing activities. To minimise traffic disruption we will undertake these works in night shifts
- The installation of the new drainage system
- Continuation of the bus lane footprint
- New footway / cycleway installation



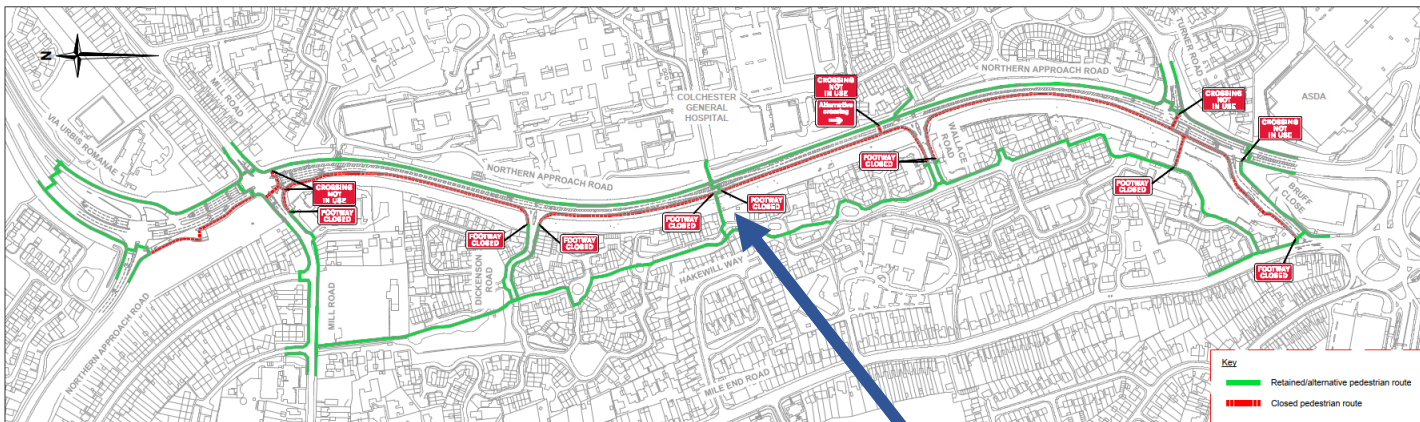
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Footways

Whilst the construction works are ongoing on Northern Approach Road the footways between Bruff Close and Mill Road remain closed. This includes the suspension of the crossing points at the junctions with Wallace Road and Mill Road

This is for the safety of all pedestrians and our workforce as this is a live site with construction vehicles needing to access the site at all times.



The signalised crossing between Hakewill Way and the hospital is still active and pedestrians are encouraged to use this to cross the road.

Our aim is to ensure that disruption is kept a minimum throughout the works and we are continuing to review and monitor our traffic management to ensure it is as effective as possible.



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What is a rapid transit system?

A rapid transit system is a transport system which has priority over other forms of transport. This can mean priority in traffic, on a dedicated lane alongside traffic, or on a rapid transit corridor separated from traffic.

Giving priority and ensuring the route connects key destinations means journey time reliability and can make it quicker and easier to travel by rapid transit than by car.

In a thriving, growing city such as Colchester, providing high-quality public transport solutions will not only help to grow the local economy, but will also help reduce congestion, improve accessibility and support environmental objectives.

The planned route within Colchester travels from the A12 Park and Ride to the University of Essex and new Garden Community due to be developed close by. With stops along its route and services delivered every few minutes, this will connect new and existing residents with key destinations including the hospital, railway station, city centre and university.

Once operational in 2025/26 users can expect to see services unlike anything else in the city, with distinct vehicles, unique branding and modern ticketing and stops using the latest technologies.

The Northern Approach section is the first stage of the rapid transit system to be created and alongside the new transit lane will see high quality walking and cycling provision. Moving forward into 2024, Essex County Council will be starting advanced work on the Clingoe Hill section.

Can For more details on this visit:

www.essexhighways.org/colchester-rapid-transit

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WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

Community Shop

Volunteers from Sisk and our supply chain partners have recently been helping with renovation works for the new Greenstead community shop. The shop is due to open in January and will provide a valuable outlet for local residents to obtain essential supplies.



Chestnut House Kindergarten

The Chestnut House Kindergarten on Mill Road are this year the recipients of a set of wooden toys hand-made by the Sisk apprentice carpenters in Dublin. These include a rocking horse, activity board and desk and chair all of which will be delivered after Christmas.



Colchester Foodbank and Tots 2 Teens

We have been actively supporting the amazing work of the Colchester Foodbank and the Tots 2 Teens charity. Regular donations of supplies have been made to the foodbank and for Christmas the Sisk staff supported the Tots 2 Teens drive to buy a new pair of pyjamas for local children in need.

If you have an idea for a local community project that we could support then we would love to hear your thoughts at

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