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Bee Network Phase 2

The upgrade of a major stretch of road between Castleton and Rochdale town centre is underway, after the approval of £13.5m of external funding for the scheme.

The Bee Network project will see a number of junctions along the busy A58 Manchester Road upgraded, with new crossings to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and new, optimised lights which will monitor traffic movements and speed up journey times.

Seven junctions are in line for improvements, including Manchester Road and Bolton Road, Manchester Road and Roch Valley Way and Manchester Road and Drake Street.

The project will be delivered in stages over an 18 month period to minimise disruption as much as possible, including:

- A new crossing being created across Manchester Road to enable safe and easy access to Highfield Hospital.
- A new cycle lane being created to extend the existing cycle lane in Castleton from The Royal Toby Hotel into Rochdale town centre.
- New greenery and planting being introduced along Old Manchester Road, alongside road resurfacing, 20mph speed limits and traffic calming measures.
- Increase of parking, with 30 new spaces being created close to Beech House School, to support people using Mandale park.



March

Phase 1A - Manchester Road

From 10 March, temporary lights enabled construction to start. The first 250m was excavated, 180m of kerbing and all drainage installed, and footpaths surfaced to binder level. Bus stops were removed, with temporary closures on Hargreaves Street and Gipsy Lane.

Phase 6A – Including Mandale Car Park

Work on Mandale car park began on 17 March. Twenty-five trees were removed, over 1,000 tonnes of material excavated and taken off-site, and around 80% of drainage and kerbing installed. Grass and topsoil were cleared from the central reservation, and cycleway excavation has started.

April

Phase 1A - Manchester Road

Surfacing up to binder level will be completed and traffic management will be moved over to phase 2A to begin breaking out and excavating the footpath ready to install drainage, kerbing and surfacing to binder level. The Bus stop will be relocated and removal of the islands will be temporary surfaced.

Phase 6A – Including Mandale Car Park

April works include completing Mandale car park to binder level, allowing van access for Beech House school. Drainage, ducting, and kerbing will begin. Permanent traffic lights will be replaced with temporary ones, and the footway will be surfaced to binder level.



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