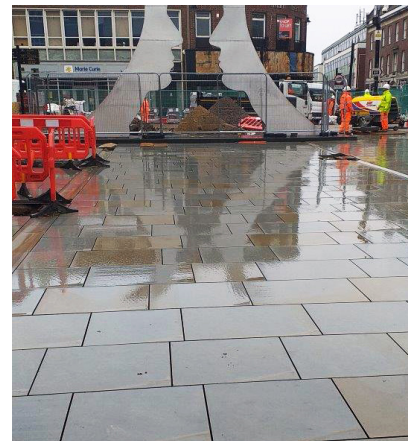


Works are continuing in the £23million Transporting Bedford project. These schemes will help improve journey times for residents, visitors and commuters, and make our roads safer.

This leaflet gives an update on progress with each scheme and some details of upcoming projects.

High Street Improvement Works Underway

Work is now well underway to improve our High Street. Improvement works are scheduled to be completed before Christmas and include widening footways on both sides to create a more pleasant environment for pedestrians and shoppers; providing new loading and short stay parking bays and a 20mph speed limit enforced by average speed cameras. High quality York paving and granite kerbstones are being used in the construction of the new layout and you can keep up to date on progress via our website www.bedford.gov.uk/HighStreetRoadworks



Allhallows

Works have been taking place to make big improvements to Allhallows and Church Square. Allhallows is a key part of Bedford town centre, and is a busy link between the town, the bus station and the train station. The whole stretch of Allhallows, from St Loyes Street down to Midland Road and Church Square has been refurbished as part of this major project.

Amphill Road

Works to improve travel along the Amphill Road corridor are taking place this year.

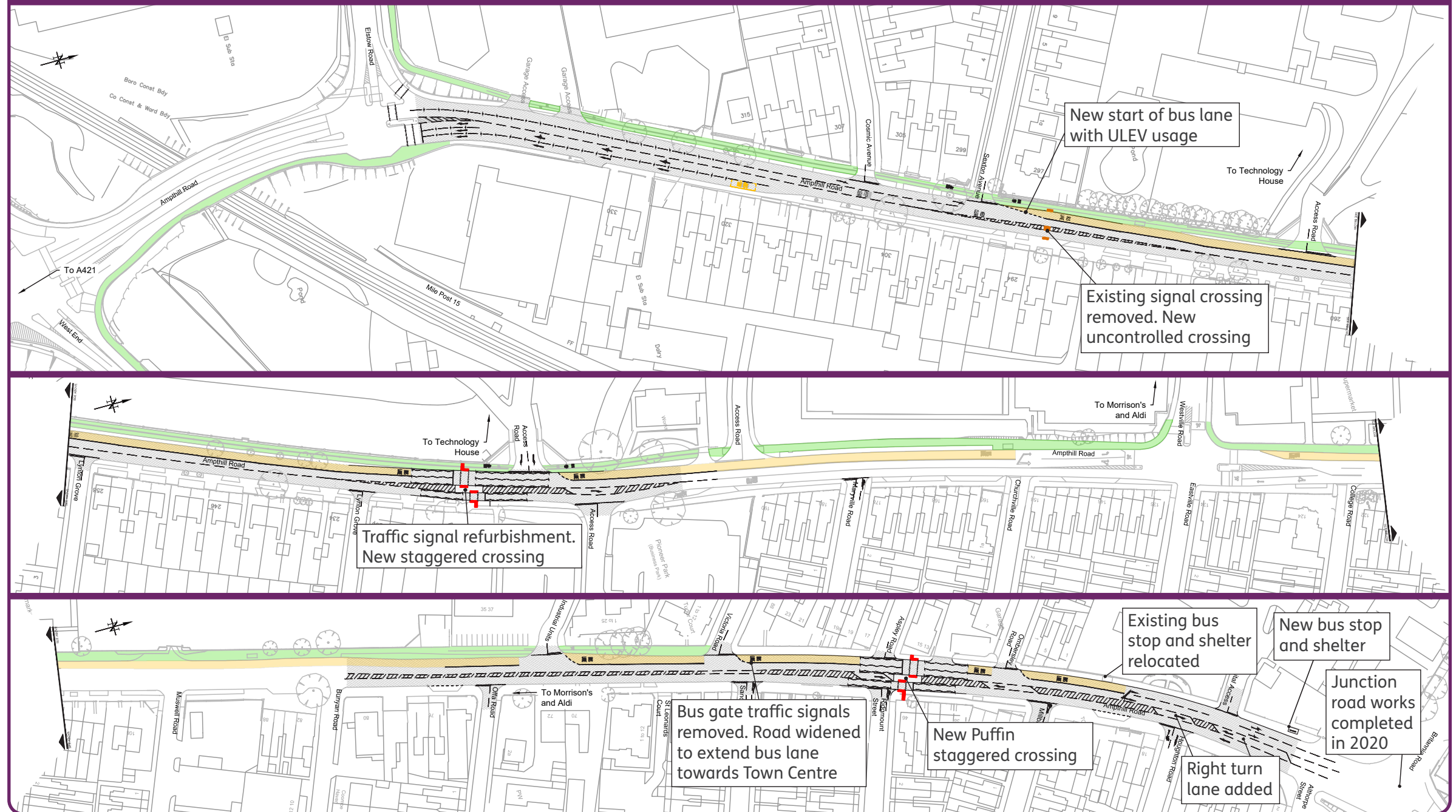
The works include:

- Widening the road to provide two northbound lanes between Elstow Road and Britannia Road
- One of these lanes will be reserved for use by buses and Ultra Low Emission Vehicles
- Space will be provided for traffic waiting to turn right into side roads to reduce disruption to the flow of traffic
- Traffic signals will be removed near Sexton Avenue and Offa Road
- Improvements to traffic signals along the route
- Resurfacing parts of Amphill Road carriageway
- Installation of new electronic message signs to provide up to the minute information for drivers
- Air quality monitoring equipment to allow us to better manage traffic and pollution levels
- Plans for further capacity improvements at the road over rail bridge are being discussed with Network Rail and East West Rail so that we can develop a cost-effective solution.

More details can be seen at
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- Key**
- Footway and road resurfacing
 - Shared cycle route
 - Bus lane with ULEV usage
 - New road and footway widening
 - New back of footway

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The works are scheduled to be completed early next year. We will carry out as much of the work as possible using localised lane closures to minimise disruption to traffic flows on this busy route. We will need to close the road to complete some elements of the work such as resurfacing and where possible those works will be carried out outside of peak traffic periods or overnight.

Full details of the scheme can be seen at www.bedford.gov.uk/TransportingBedford

Other news...

High Street Heritage

The High Streets Heritage Action Zones (HSHAZ) programme is a nationwide project led by Historic England. Bedford was selected as one of the 68 towns across the UK to receive a share of the £95 million fund. The grant will be used to facilitate the four-year HSHAZ programme, investing in Bedford High Street for local communities and visitors.

The objective of the HSHAZ is to secure lasting improvements to make our historic High Street a more attractive place for communities to live, work and enjoy leisure activities. The works in Bedford include undertaking physical works to buildings; including repairs, reinstatement of lost architectural features and shop fronts. It will improve the quality of the shared space whilst emphasising the merit of the Conservation area alongside the offer of a diverse cultural programme. More details can be seen online at www.bedford.gov.uk/HSHAZ

Clapham Road

Works to divert underground utilities and build a retaining wall on the east side of Clapham Road north of Manton Lane have been ongoing over the winter. These works have been carried out in advance of larger changes to the junctions at Paula Radcliffe Way / Great Ouse Way; the Sainsbury's entrance and Manton Lane / Clapham Road / Shakespeare Road roundabout which are due to start in the summer. Full details of the new road layout – which will ease congestion along this busy stretch of road – can be seen at www.bedford.gov.uk/TransportingBedford

COVID-19 impact upon Highways works

Despite the immense difficulties caused by the national pandemic, which have had a major impact upon budgets and the delivery of works, the Council has continued to provide essential services such as winter gritting and pothole repairs as normal throughout 2020 and 2021. We have also completed over 50 large scale road and footway resurfacing and repair schemes across the Borough. Our programme of works for 2021/22 is published on our website.



Visit our website to see updated plans on the proposals listed in this leaflet:

 www.bedford.gov.uk/TransportingBedford

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You can also visit our website www.bedford.gov.uk and click on 'stay connected' at the top of the page to sign up for regular email updates on this and a range of news, events and council services. Transporting Bedford is funded jointly by Bedford Borough Council and the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP).

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Find out more
about other projects
on our website at

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We aim to carry out works to improve the road network at times when traffic is quietest. However we apologise for any disruption caused as we work to cut congestion and improve our roads.