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Improving Your Roads

Dear Resident,



Looking after roads and pavements has always been one of my top priorities and tackling traffic congestion across Bedford is also fundamental for business and commuters. Our vision for Bedford Borough includes tackling problem road junctions and providing safe and sustainable transport. Redevelopment of our town centre and High Street is also a key priority to help boost our local economy.

Over the past year we have used specialist road experts to conduct the most comprehensive study of traffic movements in our town ever produced. We now have evidence for proposals to tackle those places which are a real headache for road users and we have secured over £18m, including £15.5m from SEMLEP's Local Growth Fund, to make this a reality.

This is the largest ever investment in town centre roads in the history of Bedford and we want as many people as possible to get involved and let us know their views on the proposals. We believe that this delivers the best value for money and it will cut congestion, improve safety and help boost the local economy.

Please read this leaflet to see how you can be involved in this major regeneration of the road network in Bedford.

Dave Hodgson

Mayor of Bedford Borough

We want your views...

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Various options have been considered and their impacts assessed, including the benefits of an extra road bridge over the river. Strong evidence has been required to secure funding and our extensive surveys and traffic modelling shows that no single large project delivers the improvements which are required.

The proposals brought forward have been demonstrated to best tackle congestion and deliver value for money. The benefits will not only be for motorists but all road users and pedestrians, with ambitious schemes to revitalise our town centre and High Street environment with new roads, cycle lanes and pavements.

1. Manton Lane / Clapham Road / Bypass Roundabout:

Introduction of signals at Manton Lane/A6 roundabout and linking with existing Manton Lane signals to reduce congestion. Increasing capacity at Great Ouse Way (Bypass) / A6 junction.

2. Bromham Road / Shakespeare Road / Ashburnham Road:

Introducing signals to replace the mini roundabouts.

3. Britannia Road / Ampthill Road / Kempston Road:

Signal modifications to increase capacity for vehicles.

4. Cow Bridge / B530 Ampthill Road & Progress Park Junctions:

Additional pedestrian/cycle bridges over the railway to increase road space and capacity for vehicles & modifications to traffic signalled junctions to increase capacity.

5. Cauldwell Street / St. John's Street:

Signal modifications to increase capacity.

6. Ampthill Road:

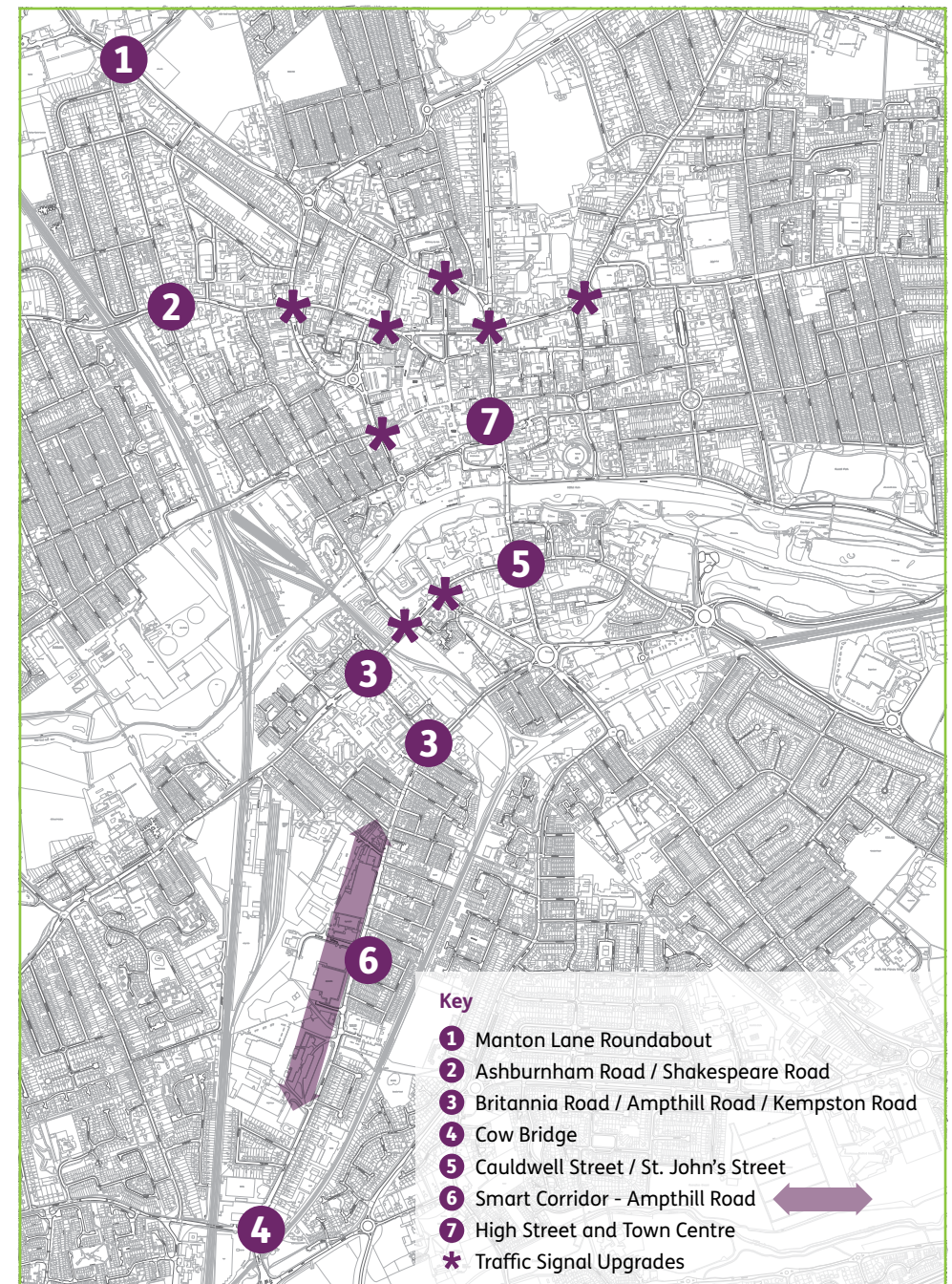
Using latest technology to co-ordinate traffic lights to create a smart corridor moving traffic faster to reduce congestion.

7. High Street and Town Centre:

Major refurbishment of High Street creating more space for shoppers by reducing traffic to one lane with parking spaces for deliveries to keep traffic moving. Alongside improvements to St Paul's Square this will give a significant boost to our thriving town centre economy.

* Traffic Signal Upgrades:

Modifications to a number of traffic signals to improve capacity and reduce congestion.



Map showing location of congestion busting and public realm schemes identified on the previous page.

Ambitious for Bedford

This major investment will improve transport in Bedford for everybody whether you travel by car, public transport, cycle or walk. We will reduce congestion, improve journey times, boost our economy and revitalise our environment, including the air we breathe.

The business case for the project was approved by the SEMLEP board in November 2017. SEMLEP and the Borough Council will be completing due diligence on the project and finalising our plans early in 2018. Work will start on delivering the strategy on the ground in summer 2018 and continue until summer 2021.

How you can get involved

We want to hear your views on the plans as they are brought forward and throughout the project we will be talking to residents, businesses and transport companies.

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



www.bedford.gov.uk/transportingbedford2020

Contact us

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