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A432 Coalpit Heath improvement scheme FAQs

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General Project Information

1. What is the purpose of the A432 Badminton Road improvement scheme?

The scheme supports the West of England Combined Authority and South Gloucestershire Council's adopted strategic transport policy, which aims to create a multi-modal network that reduces car dependency and provides genuine travel choices.
The A432 improvements will:

- Enhance safety for walking, cycling, wheeling, and public transport
- Upgrade junctions and crossings
- Improve bus reliability
- Support healthier, low-carbon travel
- Create a safer, more village-like environment through Coalpit Heath

This work forms part of the Joint Local Transport Plan (JLTP4), which commits to reducing car dependency, improving air quality, and supporting sustainable travel.

2. When will construction start and how long will it last?

Construction is expected to begin in **spring 2026**. A detailed programme, including phases and anticipated completion dates, will be published on the project website.

3. How is the project funded?

The scheme is funded by central government through the **City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)**.

4. Where can I find more information about the scheme?

Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/a432improvements for updates, timelines, visuals, and engagement information.

Policy & Design Standards

5. Why is the scheme needed?

Without intervention, car use in the region is forecast to rise by nearly **30% by 2042**, leading to congestion, poorer air quality, and increased climate impacts.
Expanding roads is not considered sustainable due to high social, environmental, and financial costs.

The scheme instead focuses on:

- Reallocating space for safe walking and cycling
- Improving junctions
- Investing in reliable public transport and rail

These modes move more people in less space, reduce emissions, and support those who cannot or choose not to drive.

6. What design standards are being used?

The scheme is designed in line with **LTN 1/20**, the national standard for cycle infrastructure. This ensures:

- Safe, accessible routes for people of all ages and abilities
- Off-road cycle lanes that encourage greater use
- Practical considerations such as driveway access, loading allowances, and emergency service requirements

Emergency services have confirmed that drivers **can mount cycle lanes if necessary** to allow passage.

Impact on Residents

7. Will the works affect my property or land?

No. All works take place within the Council's land and the designated highway boundary. No residential land will be acquired.

8. Will access to my driveway and property be maintained?

Yes. Access will be maintained throughout the works.
Temporary measures such as **road plates** may be used where required.
Residents may need to coordinate with on-site contractors during specific phases.

9. Will access to side roads be maintained?

Yes. All side roads will remain accessible for residents and visitors.

10. Where will residents put out their recycling bins etc. during construction?

Waste and recycling collections will continue as normal.
Residents will still be able to put out bins on collection days.
Bin lorry operations will be scheduled during **off-peak periods** to minimise disruption.

11. What should residents expect during the works?

There will be some noise, excavation, and use of heavy machinery near homes and driveways. We will work to minimise disruption through phased works and careful traffic management.

Traffic and Transport

12. How will traffic be managed on Badminton Road during the works?

Traffic management will include:

- Temporary traffic signals
- Phased construction
- Measures to keep traffic flowing as much as possible

Clear signage will be installed throughout.

13. What is the traffic management plan for the Beesmoor Road junction?

A detailed plan will be published closer to construction.
The junction will be monitored throughout the works, including by on-site teams, to ensure signals operate effectively and delays are minimised.

14. Will public transport routes or stops be affected?

Bus operators are being consulted to plan diversions where required.
Updated route information will be shared once confirmed.

15. Will there be clear signage for diversions?

Yes. Diversion and information signage will be installed to guide drivers and minimise confusion.

Construction Details

16. What hours will construction take place?

Works will primarily take place during daytime hours.
Any overnight works will be communicated at least **one week in advance**.

17. What measures are in place to protect mature trees and the environment?

A **no-dig construction method** will be used near mature trees to prevent root damage.
Environmental protection measures will be in place throughout the scheme.

18. Will streetlights or utility poles be moved?

Only where necessary and in compliance with safety standards.
Any changes will be designed to minimise impact on residents.

Additional Queries

19. Will the scheme include resurfacing or pothole repairs?

No. Funding is specifically allocated for active travel improvements.
Potholes can be reported via the South Gloucestershire Council reporting tool.

20. How will parking be affected?

Kerbside parking will be removed along the route.
Most properties have driveways, which should be used for visitors and tradespeople.
Alternative parking is available on nearby side streets.

21. How will home deliveries and large-item deliveries work?

Deliveries will continue as normal.
Loading is permitted for up to **10 minutes** on double yellow lines.
Supermarkets such as Sainsbury's must load from their car parks, not the highway.

22. What about Air Quality?

The A432 is a busy road, but its open surroundings help pollutants disperse quickly.
Pollution levels drop as you move away from the road, so where people live, they're unlikely to exceed national air quality limits, even after the proposed changes.

23. How will the Traffic Flow be affected?

Narrowing the road and adding more crossings will slow traffic and make the area feel safer and create a more village-like environment.
Lower speeds reduce aggressive driving and improve safety overall.

24. How will businesses be affected?

Most businesses along the route have off-street parking.
Additional parking is available nearby.
The design prioritises the safe movement of people while maintaining business access.

25. Who should residents contact with questions or concerns?

Please email the project team using the following address: a432-a4174-improvements@southglos.gov.uk