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Milton Park & Ride

A briefing note from the Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery Team

Introduction

The current site of the Park & Ride on Cowley Road is earmarked for redevelopment and we want to take this opportunity to improve the Park & Ride service for all. After public consultation a new site near Milton, just off the A10 to the south of Butt Lane, was selected as the best option for relocating the site.

In 2006 and 2007 archaeological digs took place, which unearthed some interesting finds, including a late Iron Age settlement - possibly occupied around 200-300 BC.

In December 2007 works on the new Park and Ride have started with site preparations. This involved relocating rare plants, setting up the site offices off Butt Lane, undertaking earthworks and drying out the soil. The works are progressing, but have been slightly delayed because of the exceptionally wet weather this winter.

What's next?

Most of the works at the new Park & Ride site will take place away from the public highway. However, some works will be necessary to link the new site with the existing road network.

From Thursday 21 February, some overnight works will be taking place on the A10 to create a new junction just south of the existing A10/Butt Lane junction.

Throughout these works, road traffic will continue to be able to use the A10. The works are planned to take place over two nights. They will start after the evening rush hour and the road will be returned to the normal two-lane traffic before the morning peak traffic starts.

The roadworks will not affect travellers during peak-time and daytime hours, and the manually-operated traffic lights will help minimise disruption to traffic later on in the evening.

Once the new site is opened the traffic lights at the new junction will be linked to those at the A10/Butt Lane junction.

Further works will then take place to construct a new junction for the site with Butt Lane, as well as to upgrade the existing A10/Butt Lane junction. These works are also planned to take place during off-peak hours to minimise disruption to road traffic.

Possible timeline of key events

February 2008

Works start to create new junctions with the A10 and Butt Lane. Please note these works will take place off-peak and overnight.

April 2008

Construction on the new Park & Ride building starts.

Autumn 2008

New Park & Ride site at Milton opens and the old site is closed.

Please note, these timescales are indicative and may be subject to change.

Who is building the scheme?

Cambridgeshire County Council is managing the scheme, with Jackson Civil Engineering building the new site, with Atkins acting as consultants. Cambridge City Architects, based at Cambridge City Council, designed the new Park & Ride building.

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