

# Belgrave flyover demolition - Frequently Asked Questions

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## The project

### 1. What does this project involve?

The project includes the Belgrave flyover demolition, road and landscaping improvements at the roundabout, improved pedestrian/cycle links between Belgrave Road/Belgrave Gate, and 78 car parking spaces serving Belgrave Road shopping and business areas.

### 2. Why is this work being done? What will be the benefits?

The scheme will improve connections between the Golden Mile and the city centre and create a more visually attractive area including a pleasant landscaped gateway for cyclists, pedestrians and other road users. The scheme will also include the creation of 78 public car parking spaces to support the Golden Mile shopping area and local businesses.

### 3. How much is the work costing? Who is paying for it and who is carrying it out?

The work is being paid for by Sainsbury's as part of the planning agreement. It is part of a multi-million pound investment being made by the company to help regenerate the area.

The flyover demolition work is being carried out by AR Demolition, a local firm.

### 4. What will it look like when finished?

The area will be more open with a clearer view connecting Belgrave Road and Belgrave Gate, improving the area's look and feel, and providing a more attractive and easier access route to the wider area.

The demolition options consultation leaflet includes an artist's impression of how the area will look.

## Demolition of the flyover

### 1. How will the flyover be demolished?

The demolition work will involve dividing the flyover into sections, first dismantling the ones at each end and finally removing the central section.

The flyover will be mechanically demolished using specialist large demolition equipment. All concrete will then be taken by lorry to AR Demolition Urban Quarry - less than one mile from the site - to be processed and recycled.

### 2. Why is the work being done in this way

The demolition methods and machinery chosen by the contractors will minimise disruption and noise as far as possible. The impact will vary depending on the demolition option chosen.

### 3. What time will work be carried out?

The demolition works will be carried out between 7am and midnight Mon-Fri and

weekends.

#### **4. How long is the work going to take?**

The flyover demolition work is due to be completed by mid April or mid May 2014 – depending on which option is agreed.

The majority of the project, including all major works are due to be completed by October 2014. The works will be finished in time for the annual Diwali celebrations which take place on the Golden Mile and Cossington Street Recreation Ground.

### **How will transport be affected?**

#### **1. What disruption will it mean to pedestrians/cyclists/other traffic?**

The flyover is due to close on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014, for two weeks of preparatory work, before the demolition begins on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Road works continue until October 2014.

Temporary traffic diversions and safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians will be in place throughout the works. More detailed information on this will be provided once the preferred demolition option has been announced.

#### **2. Where can I find out more information about traffic diversions or alternative routes?**

There will be information signs on parts of the city's main roads network from the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January informing drivers of road closures and highlighting alternative routes available.

The Area Traffic Control team will broadcast regular traffic and travel news on BBC Radio Leicester (104.9 FM) and [leicester.gov.uk/traffic](http://leicester.gov.uk/traffic). Information can also be found at [roadworks.org](http://roadworks.org)

The city council will use social media to remind the public about the demolition options consultation, works taking place, and the impact on traffic/travel around the city until the project is completed.

Once the consultation process is over, and a decision on demolition has been made and announced on 31 January, traffic and travel information will also be available at [leicester.gov.uk/begraveflyover](http://leicester.gov.uk/begraveflyover)

#### **Please see the following for more information:**

- [https://twitter.com/Leicester\\_News](https://twitter.com/Leicester_News)
- <https://www.facebook.com/leicestercitycouncil>
- <https://twitter.com/atcleicester>

#### **3. What provisions are being made for cyclists and pedestrians during and after the project?**

Safe pedestrian and cycle access will be maintained throughout the works. Once complete, improved cycle and pedestrian access will be provided. There will also be marshals on site to direct cyclists and pedestrians to safe routes.

#### **4. I am a regular bus user on this route. What does the demolition mean for me?**

Bus services 2, 5, 5A, 6, 22, 25/6, 100, 128 & 126/7 that operate on Belgrave Road and Abbey Park Road will be diverted at a number of different stages throughout the demolition process. More detailed information on this will be provided through the media and in the local area once the preferred demolition option has been announced.

#### **5. Where can I find information on bus route changes?**

When details of the demolition option are confirmed, information will be available at:

- [leicester.gov.uk/belgraveflyover](http://leicester.gov.uk/belgraveflyover)
- Notices at affected bus stops
- Details in the local media
- Bus service websites will have information about the works and show details of the Belgrave flyover website.
- Leicester bus service website will have information about all the works and will point people to [leicester.gov.uk/belgraveflyover](http://leicester.gov.uk/belgraveflyover)

## **What will be left when the site is demolished?**

### **1. How many trees will be removed and how many planted?**

58 trees are to be removed and 116 to be planted.

### **2. How much more parking is being created?**

There will be new off-street public car parking with 78 spaces fronting Belgrave Road adjacent to the old Sainsbury's store site. This will help meet the parking needs of shoppers, businesses and visitors to the Golden Mile.

### **3. When will the new car parking be open?**

The new car parking is due to open in Autumn 2014.

## **What about the existing businesses?**

### **1. How will this scheme benefit local businesses?**

This scheme forms part of the wider plans to regenerate the Golden Mile to support existing businesses and encourage new investment in the area. The scheme will create a much improved and attractive trading environment for shops and local businesses. The proposals will create new attractive landscaped routes for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users visiting this area.

The need for additional parking has been a longstanding request from the local traders on the Golden Mile and this scheme will provide public car parking with 78 spaces fronting Belgrave Road and within easy walking distance of local shops and businesses.

### **2. What will happen to the former Sainsbury's site after the works are completed?**

Sainsbury's is currently marketing the former site and seeking a development partner to bring forward its regeneration. The flyover demolition and road works will create a more attractive development site to strengthen the local trading area. The local community will be fully informed of progress.

### **3. What is happening to Shoe Zone and B & M Stores who are currently trading on the former Sainsbury's site?**

For the time being, these businesses will continue to trade as normal with customer parking.

## **How can I have my say?**

### **1. Does my opinion count?**

Leicester City Council and Sainsbury's are keen to hear the views of residents and traders on the impact of the proposed works in the area. There are two proposed methods and we would like people to indicate which one they would prefer. We will take these views into consideration when deciding which method of demolition to use.

### **2. What are the two methods of demolition?**

### **Short option (Nine weeks):**

- Flyover demolished in three large sections
- Majority of works will happen during two nine day periods between 7.00am - midnight:
- Belgrave Road closed in both directions at Belgrave Circle for nine days
- Belgrave Gate closed in both directions at Belgrave Circle for nine days
- Lane closures during remaining seven-week period with the roundabout staying open
- Regular daytime works and single-lane closure to demolish the section directly above roundabout
- Diversions will be in place during the closures
- No overnight works, except two nine-day works until midnight, including weekends.

### **Long option (14 weeks):**

- Majority of works off-peak (9.30am - 3.30pm) and (7.00pm - midnight)
- Roads fully open during peak times
- Some roads will be closed for short periods at night both towards and away from the city, throughout the whole of the programme
- Single lane closures between 9.30am and 3.30pm
- Two weekend full road closures with diversions to demolish sections directly above the roundabout
- No overnight works, but will involve working up to midnight every night for 12 weeks, including weekends.

### **3. How can I find out more about the demolition proposals?**

- Information is available online at [leicester.gov.uk/belgraveflyover](http://leicester.gov.uk/belgraveflyover).
- You can pick up a leaflet at your local library, community centre or the Leicester City Council Customer Services Centre at New Walk (until Friday 24th January) or at the new customer services centre in Granby Street (from Monday 27th January).
- Local residents and businesses have been sent letters and flyers and there are posters in public buildings in the Belgrave area including dentists, GPs, sports centres, shops etc.
- You can also call the customer services centre on 0116 252 7001 between 8am and 6pm (Monday to Friday)

### **4. Where can I register my opinions/thoughts?**

- Complete a paper feedback form found in one of the leaflets mentioned above which contain a freepost address to return it.
- Complete an online survey at [consultations.leicester.gov.uk](http://consultations.leicester.gov.uk)

### **5. How long have I got to register my opinion?**

The consultation on demolition will be open from Friday 17th January and the closing date for responding is Wednesday 29th January.

## **6. What information do you want from me?**

The consultation asks for nothing more than your opinion on whether to choose **option one** or **option two**.

All those responding will be entered into a draw to officially launch the start of work.

If you choose to be in this draw, we will need your name, a contact telephone number and your gender. We will then choose one male and one female to have the honour of officially starting the works.

The information will not be used for marketing or tracking purposes.

## **7. When will I know which method is to be used?**

We will announce the chosen option for demolition on Friday 31st January. This will be published on the city council website.

## **What if I need more information or want to make a complaint?**

### **1. Where can people find out more information about the scheme?**

More information on the scheme is available at [leicester.gov.uk/belgraveflyover](http://leicester.gov.uk/belgraveflyover)

### **2. What can I do if I want to complain about the noise/disruption?**

The work will include some noisy operations, including drilling and crushing concrete for example. The city council's Noise Team is working with the contractors to help ensure the noisiest work is done during the day, and they will monitor the works to ensure that noise levels are within health and safety guidance.

However, anyone who does want to report noise problems should contact the Noise Team on **0116 252 7001** between **9am and 6pm Mon-Fri**.

### **3. Will plans be available near the site?**

The plans will be on display at the information point to be set up before works commence on the former Sainsbury's site. The area will be clearly branded and more information will be available when it is set up.

## **If you have another query we haven't covered**

If you have any other queries or concerns, please contact the Leicester City Council Customer Services Centre on 0116 252 7001 between 8am and 6pm (Monday to Friday)