



Briefing - Belgrave flyover demolition

17th January 2014

Overview

Belgrave flyover is located at Belgrave Circle roundabout, connecting Belgrave Road to the North and Belgrave Gate to the South. Abbey Park Road and Dysart Way are also accessed from the roundabout from the East and West respectively.

The fully approved highway improvement scheme involves the demolition of Belgrave flyover, road and landscape improvements to Belgrave Circle roundabout and the creation of 78 new car parking spaces for shoppers. The scheme supports the council's Golden Mile regeneration initiative, aimed at creating a much more attractive area for local shopping and business. It will improve connections between the Golden Mile and city centre and create a more pleasant environment for cyclists, pedestrians and other road users

The demolition of the flyover is the first phase of the project and the work is being carried out by Sainsbury's contractors, Longcross Construction and AR Demolition.

The flyover is made up of ten distinct sections, comprising eight bridge spans and two abutments (i.e. the ramps at each end). Demolition involves the removal of the bridge spans and ramps, the columns and the foundations.

There are two options for demolishing the flyover that the council is now seeking views on from the local community.

A short programme option proposes to demolish the flyover in three large sections over a total period of nine weeks.

The long programme option proposes to demolish the flyover in 10 individual sections in sequence over a period of 14 weeks.

Both options involve road closures, traffic diversions and works up until midnight. The short option favours getting the work done more quickly, but with a more significant impact on traffic in two concentrated periods of nine days each. The long option involves less traffic impact but over a longer period. The longer option also requires a

longer period of noisy work, with activity taking place up to midnight every day for the duration of the works.

The city council is carrying out a consultation with affected residents and businesses prior to deciding which option to follow. The decision will be announced at 2.00 on 31st January 2014 at Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre.

It should be noted that works to the roundabout and adjacent connecting highways will continue after the demolition is completed to complete the new traffic and pedestrian arrangements.

Key dates

17th January 2014 – briefings to MP's, Councillors, Media, Golden Mile Group, other relevant organisations.

17th January 2014 – begin to erect advance roadworks notification signage.

18th/19th January 2014 – options consultation leaflet distributed to 8000 properties and made available in local libraries and community centres. Posters in 150+ locations.

20th January – Advertisement in the Leicester Mercury

29th January 2014 – consultation period ends.

31st January 2014 – confirm demolition option at 2.00 on 31st January 2014 at Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre.

1st February 2014 – flyover closes to traffic. Commence 2 weeks of preparatory works including decommissioning activities, stripping of road surface, investigatory works and erection of site fencing. Utility service works commence

15th February 2014 – structural demolition commences (half term week).

4th April 2014 – Short Option completes (if chosen method).

7th April 2014 – associated highway alterations commence.

11th May 2014 – Long Option completes (if chosen method).

12th October 2014 – all major highway works substantially completed ready for Diwali.

Short option details:

- 1) Demolish the northerly abutment and three northern spans in one period under full inbound and outbound road closure to Belgrave Road for 9 days, working 7am until midnight (15th Feb to 23rd Feb).
- 2) Demolish the southern abutment and three southerly spans in one period under full inbound and outbound road closure to Belgrave Gate for 9 days, working 7am until midnight (15th March to 23rd March).
- 3) Demolish the last two remaining spans over the roundabout island (24th March 4th April) – daytime working only.

In summary, although programme is nine weeks, the full road closures are only for two nine day periods (i.e. 2 working weeks). The roundabout will be kept open for the remainder of the programme (7 weeks).

Noisy works up to midnight for 2½ weeks (18 days).

Long option details:

The ten sections (8 spans and 2 ramps) will be demolished one section at a time commencing 15th February.

The programme will restrict lane closures to off-peak working only.

The working hours for 12 weeks will be 9.30am to 3.30pm and 7.00pm to midnight every day (including weekends).

The programme will look to restrict lane closures to off-peak working only and maintain traffic flow around the roundabout at all times during the day.

Full closures of slip lanes will be required in the evenings.

Weekend closures of the roundabout will be required to demolish the spans over the carriageway.

Noisy works up to midnight for 12 weeks (84 days).

Traffic and pedestrian management arrangements

Arrangements include:

- Advance roadworks notification signage.
- Sub-regional diversion route signage (A46 Leicester Western Bypass, A47, A6, etc.).

- Outer-ring road diversion route signage (A563, A6, A47).
- Local diversion route signage.
- Pedestrian and cyclist routing and signage.
- Event marshals to help and advise pedestrians and police traffic management arrangements during full closures.
- Emergency service routes.
- Bus service alterations and shuttle bus provision for daytime road closures (short option).
- Contact numbers to be provided.
- Information centre at old Sainsbury site.

Local community/stakeholder engagement

Direct engagement will be through leafleting to 8000 residential and business properties within the area and briefings and information packs for key stakeholders including:

- MPs and Ward Councillors.
- Local business and community groups, e.g. Golden Mile Group.
- Schools and colleges.
- Bus and taxi companies.
- City Centre Management.
- Emergency Services.
- Funeral Directors
- Royal Mail

The city council website will have dedicated web pages explaining the project and social media will be used to raise awareness.

Traffic bulletins will keep people informed of traffic impacts.

A set of answers to **Frequently Asked Questions** has been developed to help answer queries from members of the public.

Arrangements are in place via the city council's customer service line to answer calls from residents who wish to find out more about the work.

The decision on which option to go with will be announced at 2pm on 31st January 2014 at Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre. We will also be selecting a man and a woman to start the demolition process on 15th February 2014.