



Works: Eskdaill Street, 2 Way Working

Start date: 15th August 2018

Completion: 2nd Dec 2018

Duration: 16 weeks

Scheme type: One way to two way working, Carriageway Widening, Traffic Signal Upgrade, and Footway & Carriageway Resurfacing

Traffic management: 24 hour Lane Closures, Road Closures & Traffic signals, Parking Suspensions

Hours of work: 07:30 to 17:30hrs Weekdays
20:00 to 06:00hrs Nights (surfacing)

What we are doing and the benefits

Making Eskdaill Street two-way has been on the cards for a number of years. Back in 2008, a high level planning document called the Kettering Transport Plan identified the need for the change in the future. This plan was also refreshed in 2014. The project to make the flow of traffic two-way in Eskdaill Street follows on from other junction improvements in the town. For example, the double roundabout on the junction of Northampton Road and Northfield Avenue and the new junction between Sheep Street and Northampton Road.

The overall purpose of making Eskdaill Street two-way is to free up the movement of traffic around the town, whilst at the same time improving connectivity with for traffic coming from new housing developments such as the one at East Kettering, Hanwood Park. This will see 5,500 new homes being built over the next few years. The project will also make it easier for pedestrians to move more freely and safely around the town centre. This is a major objective, both from a safety perspective and because it is good for the town centre economy and local trade.

The scheme will incorporate local widening at both the Rockingham Road/Eskdaill Street and Montagu Street/Eskdaill Street junctions. At the same time the traffic lights will be replaced with new more energy efficient equipment and improved pedestrian facilities. We are also taking the opportunity to resurface the carriageway along the entire length of Eskdaill Street.

Traffic Management & Pedestrian Marshals

To ensure the safety of both the workforce and the public, the traffic management phasing is required to ensure disruption to the area is kept to a minimum but inevitably there will be delays. The parking suspension in Lindsay Street adjacent to St Andrews Church is required for a site compound. This will be closed from Wednesday 15th August for 16 weeks. During the course of the project we will also have to close footpaths in a systematic order to ensure a safe and clear working area is maintained. Clear pedestrian diversion routes will be signed and accompanied by pedestrian marshals who will be happy to assist you.

When programming works we consider the impact on all road users and plan our works to minimise disruption. We understand that the project will be inconvenient but works can only be completed safely and efficiently with the appropriate traffic and pedestrian management in place. We hope any inconvenience can be tolerated for the duration of the works..

Phase 1 – Eskdaill Street/ Rockingham Road Junction:

This phase will consist of temporary 4 way traffic lights and temporary pedestrian crossings with lane closures on Eskdaill Street. The traffic management and delays will be consistent on this phase with only the layout changing as we move around the junction. Phase 1 will complete at Canon Street.

Phase 2 – Eskdaill Street/ Montague Street Junction:

This phase will begin by closing Montague Street westbound and Victoria Street. This will mean there will be no access to Victoria Street from Montague and Eskdaill Street during a period of approximately 3 weeks. Access to properties and business will be maintained to Victoria Street from Alfred Street. After this stage the junction will have a combination of 2 and 3 way signals allowing normal maneuvers for vehicles.

Information for Residents and Businesses

Access: Access for residents and emergency services will be maintained when safe to do so. There may be a small delay while we make the area safe so your patience would be appreciated. If you have any queries relating to access before or during the project please contact the name and number below.

We will be placing additional signage to highlight the various businesses in the area to ensure that the public are aware they are still open. Pedestrians will be diverted safely around the works area to keep access to local businesses and places of interest. The pedestrian marshals will also advise the public on this.

Bus Stops: We have informed all relevant bus companies of the suspended bus stops. The bus stop suspensions are only affected on the 2nd Phase of works due to begin in the 1st week of October 2018. Affected bus routes are: Montague Street westbound from Stamford Road to Eskdall Street and Victoria Street bus stop at School Lane. These bus stops will be clearly marked as closed.

If you have any queries regarding the project please contact our Site Manager Gavin Hopkin **-01604 883400**

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https://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/210155/local_improvement_projects/12277/eskdall_street_improvement_works/2

What changes are going to be made?

There are a number of different parts to this project. The key features are outlined under the following five sections:

- 1. Junction and road layout improvements:**
 - a. Introduction of two-way traffic on Eskdall Street.
 - b. Major changes to the layout to the junction at the left turn from Rockingham Road into Eskdall Street.
 - c. Making Eskdall Street two-way will free up the movement of traffic around the town, as well as help to control the speed of traffic using Eskdall Street.
- 2. Pedestrian improvements:**
 - a. Improvements to, and the addition of, pedestrian crossings.
 - b. Look to improve the footpath where both Montagu Street and Victoria Street meet Eskdall Street.
- 3. Visual changes and improvements:**
 - a. Enhance the green space near St. Andrew's Church, putting in place some new trees and other landscaping measures. Some trees will be removed prior to work starting, before nesting season begins.
 - b. Once the works have been completed, we will look at how the visual appearance of the verge on the corner of Victoria Street and Montagu Street can be improved.
 - c. We will aim to ensure that the use of materials is complementary and consistent, for example, on pavement areas.
- 4. Changes to on-street parking:**
 - a. Review the street furniture on Montagu Street (outside the supermarket) to prevent vehicles parking on the footpath.
 - b. Move some of the on-street parking close to the junctions at both ends of Eskdall Street on Rockingham Road and Montagu Street.
 - c. We will look to remove the on-street parking on Montagu Street close to the east side of the junction with Eskdall Street, but aim to provide additional on-street parking a little further away from the junction.
- 5. Other changes and improvements:**
 - a. Bus stops will be retained.
 - b. We will look at the feasibility of putting in place measures to stop private cars using Newland Street as a cut through now that Eskdall Street will be open both ways.
 - c. Consult on prohibiting taxis from using Newland Street (and removing the taxi rank).

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