

Bridge End junction improvements



What are we doing?

We're improving the A69 Bridge End junction to reduce congestion and improve journey times and safety for all users. We plan to start work in mid-October 2019 and the first phase will involve building a new stretch of the A69 under the current roundabout and constructing two new bridges across the A69 to form the junction.

This improvement was identified as part of the Northern Trans-Pennine study, along with the Styford junction which is currently under review. The current proposal for Styford is to engage with key stakeholders including the MP and Northumberland County Council, before we present a series of options to the community for changes to the local road network. This engagement will be done only after we've

started construction on the A69 Bridge End junction at Hexham.

This scheme is part of a £220m fund announced by the Department of Transport in 2016. **The money allocated to these junction improvements cannot be used for any other scheme.**

Benefits

- The overall aim of the scheme is to improve journey times – for those using the junction at peak times. It will save regular commuters up to an hour every week.
- Supports economic growth within the north of England – local contractors appointed as construction workers.
- Improves access from the A69 into Hexham.
- Makes journey times more reliable and therefore the route more attractive.
- Strengthens the case for future dualling of the A69.

Improves safety

We've looked carefully at the accident data for key junctions in the local area and this demonstrates that investment is needed to improve safety for those using the junction.

Accident data 2013-2018

Area	Slight	Serious	Total*
A69/A6079 Bridge End	5	5	10
A69/A68 Styford	15	0	15

*No fatal accidents.

Key diversions and restrictions during construction

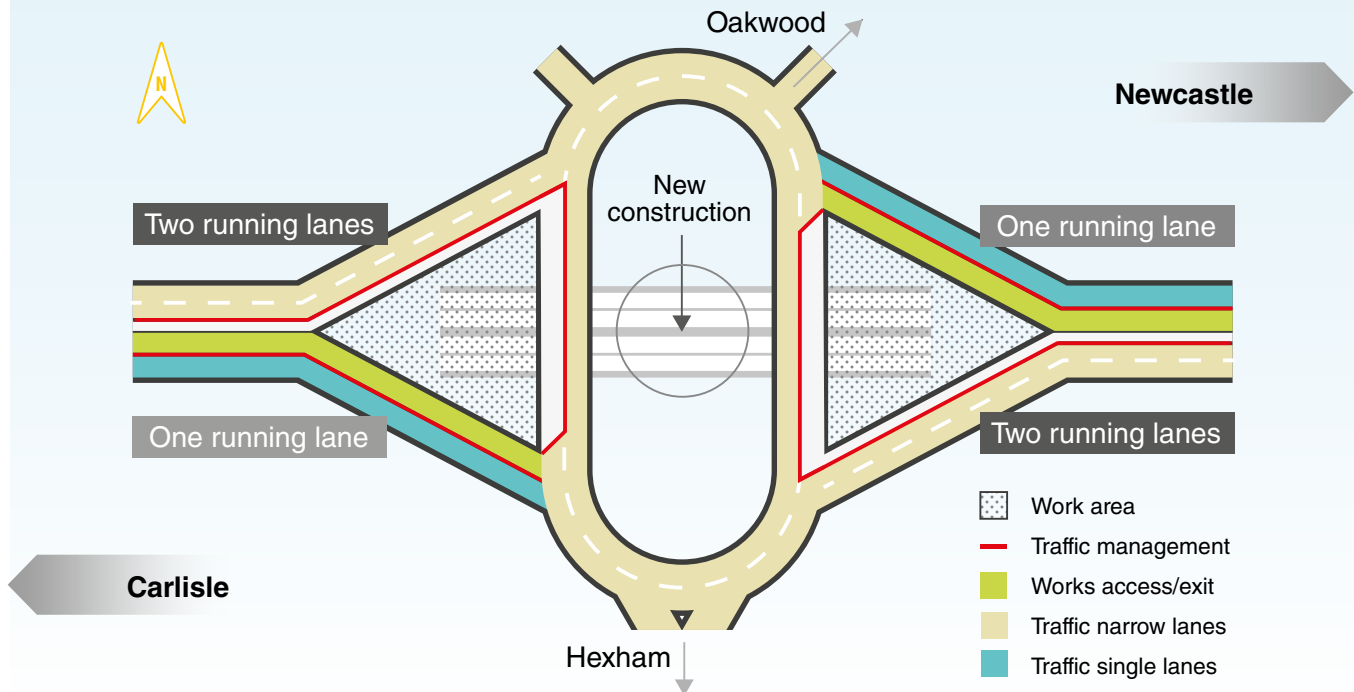
During construction there will be some temporary disruption to traffic, but we aim to have the A69 mainline open to traffic by end of March 2021.

During our work traffic will be reduced to a 30mph speed limit along with temporary average speed cameras.

We'll occasionally need to close lanes or slip roads overnight. When we need to do this, we'll use road signs, media and social media to let you know.

Phases of work

From October 2019 to May 2020 - Roundabout open with some lane restrictions, while we build the temporary turnings.



Two lanes will be used to approach the roundabout from Newcastle, with one lane dedicated to turning into Hexham and the other for turning right or through traffic. There'll be a short stretch of one lane open heading from Hexham towards Carlisle to allow contractors safe access to our work site.

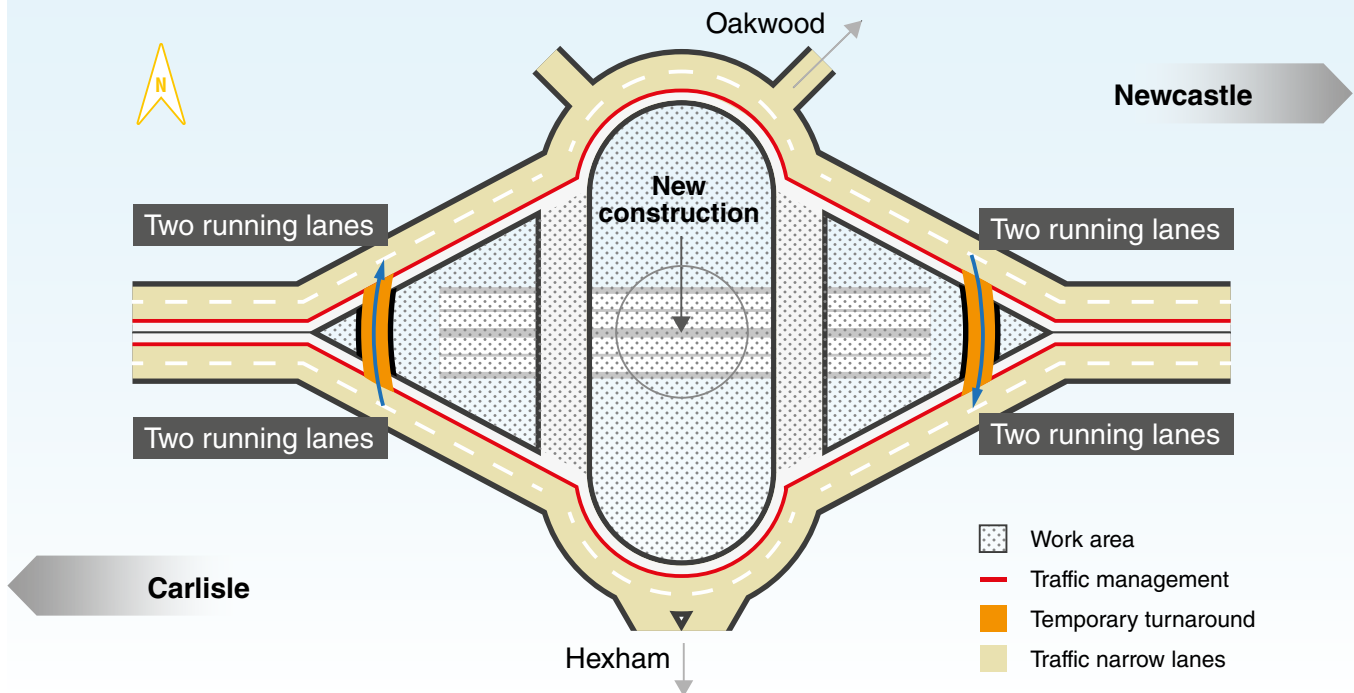
There'll also be two lanes approaching the roundabout from Carlisle towards Hexham, with one dedicated to turning right towards Hexham and the other for through traffic.

There will be a short stretch with only one lane heading from Hexham towards Newcastle to allow safe access to our work site.

During summer 2020 we'll need to close the junction for one full weekend (Friday 8pm to Monday 6am) – we'll ensure that residents, businesses and the council are given early notice and are kept updated and fully informed during the closure.

Phases of work

From May 2020 to February 2021 - Roundabout closed, temporary turns in operation



The temporary traffic arrangement means that people leaving Hexham will be diverted 170 metres from the original roundabout.

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