

## **Update on A140 Eye Airfield junction improvements and link road**

Construction works proposed to improve journey time, road safety and access to the Eye Airfield development area on the A140 is due to start week commencing 9 September.

### **Preparation works will take place between September 2019 and March 2020:**

- Erection of acoustic fencing around Four Oaks
- Diversions of electric and BT apparatus
- Archaeology investigation

### **Main improvements works will take place between March 2020 and September 2020:**

- Construction of roundabout and link road from the B1077
- Construction of roundabout at Yaxley crossroads
- Removal of right turns from existing B1077 /A140 junction
- Closure of A140/Rectory Road junction

Main construction works will now start Spring 2020 to avoid carrying out earthworks during the poor weather and limited day light hours period. The improvement works will be completed by Autumn 2020.

### **The improvements for the area will be:**

- Improve journey time reliability
- Improve road safety: there are accident clusters at A140/B1077 and A140/Rectory Road – reducing use and prohibiting movements will improve road safety here. Minimising number of priority accesses along the stretch will also reduce the risk of collisions
- Enable development on Eye Airfield for economic growth in the area

### **Funding:**

In 2017 Suffolk County Council successfully bid for a £3.75 million National Productivity Investment Fund grant from the Department for Transport. This was followed in 2018 by as successful bid for £1.45 million to the New Anglia LEP. Mid Suffolk District Council has contributed £25,000 to the improvement scheme.

Through local match funding, Suffolk County Council will provide the balance for the scheme.

### **Councillor Mary Evans, Suffolk County Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member responsible for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs, said:**

"Thank you for people's patience regarding these vital improvements works.

"Once completed, the new road layout will unlock Eye Airfield for economic development and will provide significant highway benefits. Access to the A140 will be safer and more efficient, resolving long standing safety and congestion issues."