

What Happens Next?

Staffordshire County Council will be completing environmental surveys and assessments while developing the details of the project over the coming months. It is expected that a formal planning application will be submitted in the Spring of 2015.

If approved, enabling works could start shortly afterwards with the major highways work expected to take place from 2016.

We will continue to work closely with residents in developing the detailed design of the project and you can find out more at:
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/westernaccess

Any comments or further questions?

You can contact us on 0300 111 8000 or email the project team at: staffordwestern.accessroute@staffordshire.gov.uk

Alternatively written comments can be posted to Highways Improvements,

**Staffordshire County Council,
Number 1 Staffordshire Place, Stafford, ST16 2LP**



Plans for The Stafford Western Access Route

The Stafford Western Access Route will see much needed investment which will help ease congestion in Stafford Town Centre, boost business and support employment and deliver proposed housing in the west of Stafford.

Stafford is flourishing as home to new business parks, exciting retail developments, a new education hub with the University of Wolverhampton – and so much more.

Following a public consultation this proposed route was chosen as it minimises environmental impact while delivering maximum benefits by helping both support Stafford's ambitious growth plans and keeping the county town safely on the move.



The Route

The route is between A34 Foregate Street, Doxey Road and Martin Drive Castlefields, connecting to A518 Newport Road.

Following a public consultation this proposed route was chosen as it delivers maximum benefits. The route helps support Stafford's ambitious growth plans while keeping the county town safely on the move.

Feedback received was incorporated into the chosen scheme which was by far the most popular option.

Doxey and Tillington Marshes

As a Site of Special Scientific Interest it is hugely important that we chose a route that has the least impact on the environment and the wildlife that enjoy the marshes.

The proposals for the route will see part of a "destroyed" marshland returned to life, and an area of existing car park developed into wildlife habitat.

Creating Jobs and Houses

The Stafford Western Access Route is part of wider plans to support jobs and new homes in Stafford and across the whole county.

The Government pledged funding for the important route as part of an £82.2 million Growth Deal for Staffordshire and our partners in Stoke-on-Trent.

The benefits of investment in the access road will:

- Support the economic growth of the town
- Support the development of much needed new homes
- Help ease congestion particularly on Chell Road, Gaol Square and A34 Foregate Street
- Reduce journey times
- Assist in providing improved sustainable transport measures around the town

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Stafford Overview

