

# Warrington East Phases 2 and 3

## Project news and update

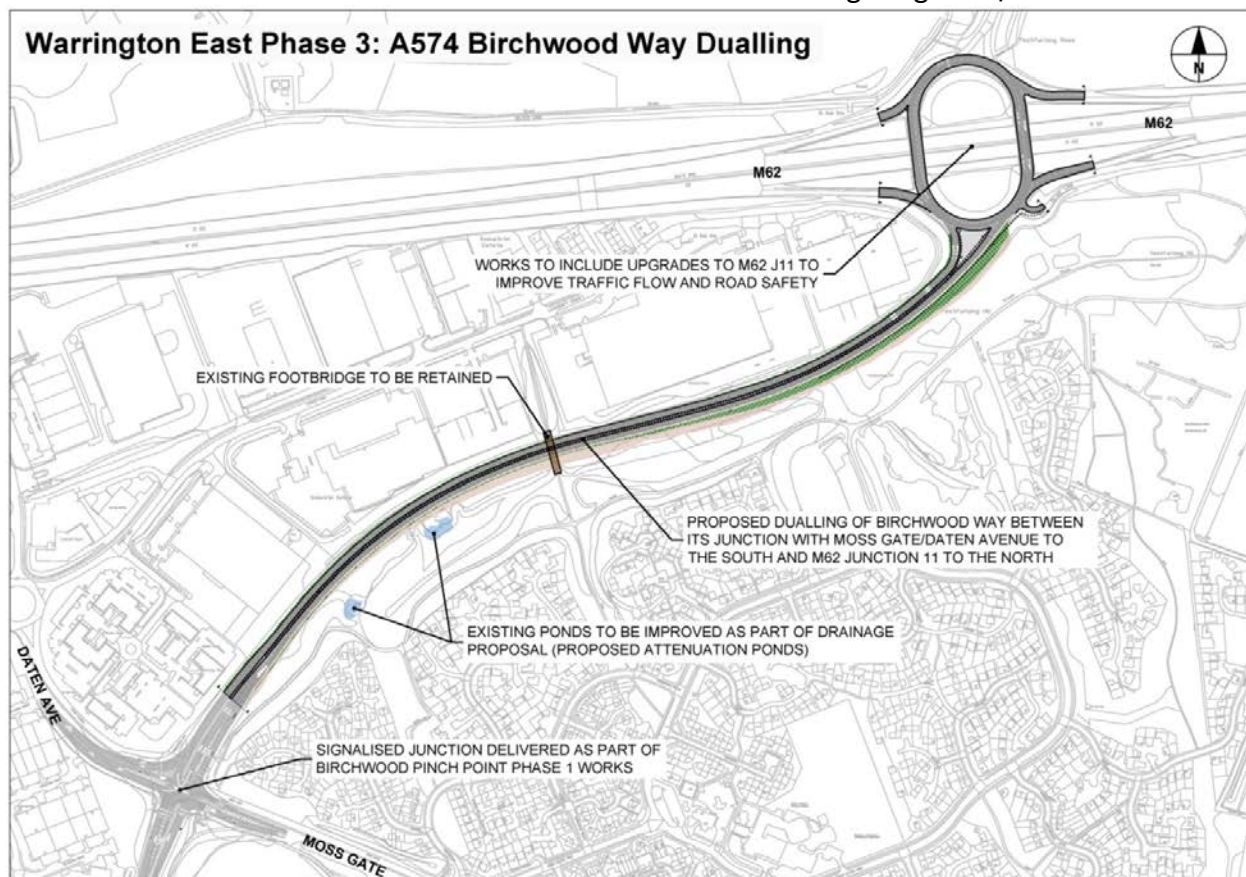
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#### Warrington East Phase 3

This scheme is the latest stage in the series of improvements to Birchwood Way that were started in 2015 (the Birchwood Pinch Points Project) and the work currently being carried out on the Phase 2 scheme. The scheme will include the construction of a new carriageway on the south side of Birchwood Way for traffic travelling towards Warrington from the M62 motorway at junction 11 to the Moss Gate / Daten Avenue junction. The existing single carriageway will carry traffic towards the M62 when this section is complete. It will also form a dual carriageway link between Moss Gate to M62 J11, significantly increasing capacity for access into and out of Birchwood from the motorway.

Preparatory work to protect Great Crested Newts in the area of the scheme is starting this weekend (12 October) and will involve removal of some trees and bushes to install the protective fencing, under licence from Natural England. This work won't affect traffic on Birchwood Way. Construction of the main scheme is planned to start in November and it will last for about 12 months before it's complete. The construction of the project will be run in parallel with the Warrington East Phase 2 scheme, and will be built by the same contractor, Balfour Beatty, providing cost savings and less traffic disruption in the area.

More information can be found on the scheme website – [Warrington.gov.uk/WE2](http://Warrington.gov.uk/WE2).



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### Work in progress during the next few weeks from 11 October

#### College Place

- Construction of the additional offside lane on the approach from Birchwood.
- Construction of the road widenings on Birchwood Way on the west of the roundabout.
- Excavation for the new footway / cycleway on the west side of Woolston Grange Avenue.

#### George Duckworth Island and Oakwood Gate

- Installation of ducts, kerbs and drainage gullies on the east side of the junction.
- Completion of earthworks for the new left turn lane from Oakwood Gate.
- Installation of the new drainage system in the west verge of Oakwood Gate.

#### Birchwood Way west of Oakwood Gate

- Slewing of telecommunications ducts away from the new embankment
- Earthworks for the road widening between Oakwood Gate and the Subway.

#### Blackbrook Avenue

- The embankment widening is now complete.
- Excavation for the new eastbound lane, and laying the road foundation and kerbs.

### Traffic Management in operation

A 30mph speed limit is in operation where the 30mph signs are displayed.

#### College Place

Narrow lanes westbound over the M6 bridge on approach to the junction, with one lane closed at off-peak times (0930 – 1600).

Off-peak lane closures on the roundabout and approaches (0930 - 1600).

#### George Duckworth Island

Off-peak lane closures (0930 – 1600) on Oakwood Gate (northbound), George Duckworth Island and Birchwood Park Avenue (southbound) towards Birchwood Centre, and on Birchwood Way westbound on both sides of the junction.

Narrow lanes on Birchwood Way westbound from Oakwood Gate.

#### Birchwood Way (College Place to Blackbrook Avenue)

Road closed westbound from 1 August until mid-December.

One-way traffic eastbound from Blackbrook Avenue towards College Place, one lane only.

Further information about both projects, including plans of the work, are on our website-

[www.warrington.gov.uk/WE2](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/WE2). If you would like more information you can contact the project team by email at [we2@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:we2@warrington.gov.uk).

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