

# NEWSLETTER

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## Bee Network Phase 2

The upgrade of a major stretch of road between Castleton and Rochdale town centre is underway, after the approval of £13.5m of external funding for the scheme.

The Bee Network project will see a number of junctions along the busy A58 Manchester Road upgraded, with new crossings to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and new, optimised lights which will monitor traffic movements and speed up journey times.

Seven junctions are in line for improvements, including Manchester Road and Bolton Road, Manchester Road and Roch Valley Way and Manchester Road and Drake Street.

The project will be delivered in stages over an 18 month period to minimise disruption as much as possible, including:

- A new crossing being created across Manchester Road to enable safe and easy access to Highfield Hospital.
- A new cycle lane being created to extend the existing cycle lane in Castleton from The Royal Toby Hotel into Rochdale town centre.
- New greenery and planting being introduced along Old Manchester Road, alongside road resurfacing, 20mph speed limits and traffic calming measures.
- Increase of parking, with 30 new spaces being created close to Beech House School, to support people using Mandale park.



## June

In June, works on Phase 1 included completing the block paving between the footpath and cycleway on Phase 1A, and progressing the footpath and cycleway construction up to binder level between Gipsy Lane and Johnsons the Drycleaners. For Phase 6, the footpath and cycleway were completed up to binder level in front of the Mandale car park and Beech House School. Permit traffic lights were removed and replaced with temporary signals, and works began on the central reservations and Tweedale Street.

## July

In Phase 1 during July, the footpath and cycleway were completed up to binder level in front of The Royal Toby Hotel, between Gipsy Lane and Johnsons the Drycleaners, and from Hargreaves Street to St Aiden's Church on Manchester Road. Civil works were completed, and installation of traffic lights and street lighting commenced. Road planning, tarmacking, and white lining began, including the cycleway and footpath. For Phase 6, the central reservation was completed up to binder level, along with works on Tweedale Street. The road and footpaths in front of Beech House School were completed, while the removal and installation of streetlights and traffic lights also got underway. Civil works for this phase were completed.



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