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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.



July

Phase 1 - The progress on site has been delayed due to existing services, as a gas pipe was discovered incorrectly installed, dating back to around 80 years ago. It was also surrounded by concrete and had to be repaired, resulting in delays to the surfacing by three weeks.

Phase 6 - The progress onsite is going very well. We have commenced the works in front of the school on Old Manchester Road. The civil works on Manchester Road and Tweedale Street is on programme.

August

Phase 1 - The planned work is to complete the phase by 29th August. We are working well on the civils plus we are starting the planning, surfacing and white lining on both the road and footpaths. We are also surfacing the cycleways.

Phase 6 - The planned work is to complete the phase by 29th August. We are working well on the civils plus we are starting the planning, surfacing and white lining on both the road and footpaths. We are also surfacing the cycleways. We will also completing the footpath and road in front of Beech House School. The Mandale carpark fencing and temporary white lining with completed and handed over to the school.



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