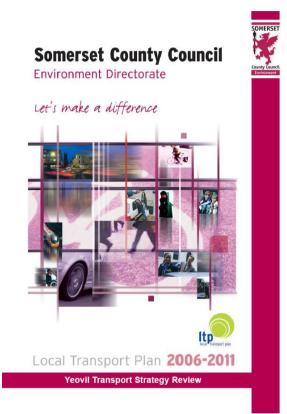
# **Yeovil Western Corridor**

**April 2017** 

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- Yeovil Community Review of Transport 2001/02
- Yeovil Urban Development Framework (SSDC Sept 2005)
- Yeovil Transport Strategy Review (Nov 2005)
- Yeovil Western Corridor Study (April 2006)
- Yeovil Eastern Corridor Study (June 2007)
- Strategy Baseline Review (2012)



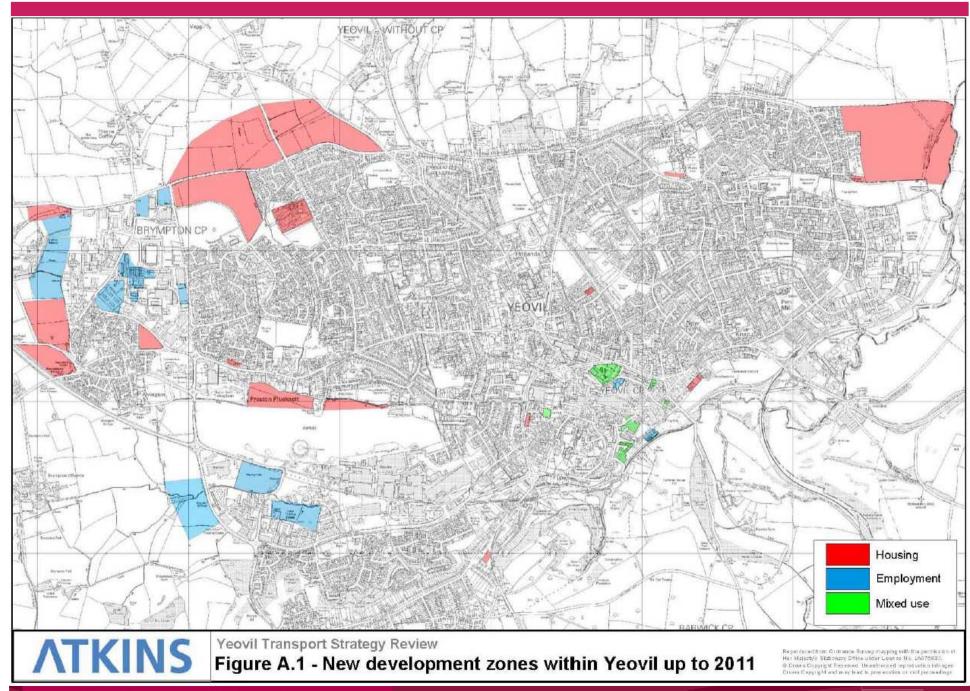


# **Yeovil Transport Strategy Review (Nov 2005)**

- Assessed the traffic impact of planned development to 2011
- Identified likely levels of traffic congestion
- Assessed feasibility and deliverability of proposals to reduce the rate and impact of traffic growth and accommodate planned development
- Assess options for freight routing, road infrastructure, public transport, walking and cycling, off street parking and traffic management
- Tested feasibility of park and ride and new road links
- Identified likely increase in congestion and delay at congestion hot spots on the Eastern and Western Corridors.
- Set out a transport strategy and proposed priorities for an implementation programme.
- Informed development plans and funding bids.







# Yeovil Western Corridor Study (Apr 2006) Strategic Transportation Appraisal

- Assessed the impact of future growth in traffic on the Western Corridor.
- Traffic forecasting and modelling.
- Operational assessment to develop the form of junction improvements to accommodate 2011 traffic forecasts including planned development.
- Testing outline design options.
- Identified proposals to encourage short distance trips by walking and cycling.
- Initial cost estimate for works.
- Informed planning applications and developer funding agreements for Lufton and Brimsmore Developments.
- Improvements required in order to accommodate the planned developments.



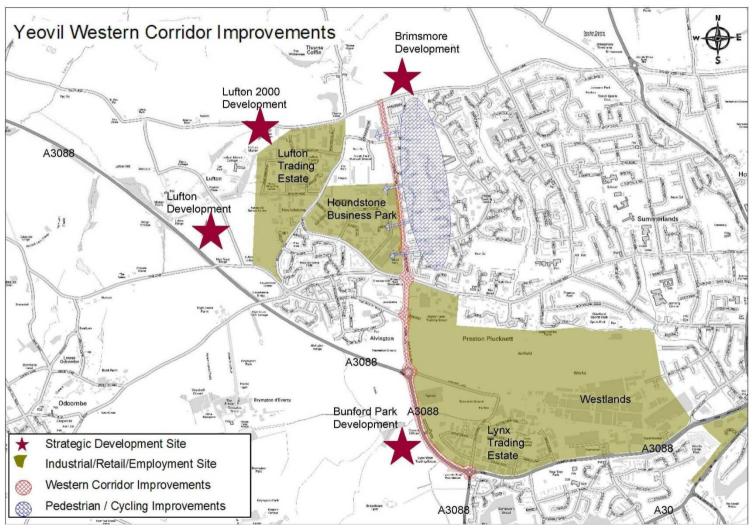
## **Strategy Baseline Review (2012)**

- Updated the traffic model to inform local plan processes and detailed corridor improvement scheme designs (forecasts to 2028).
- Reviewed stakeholder transport issues
- Councillor workshop Dec 2012
- Employer Workshop Nov 2012
- Town Centre Workshop Nov 2012
- Reiterated concerns about traffic and impact of Lufton and Brimsmore Development.
- Reiterated need for corridor improvements.
- Top priorities Better access to the town centre, addressing traffic congestion, reducing severance, parking improvements, bus improvements, access to the hospital, road safety.

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## **Yeovil Western Corridor**

# Scheme Recap



- Brimsmore 830 dwellings
- Lufton 717 dwellings
- Bunford 16 ha. B1 employment
- Lufton 4.5 ha.B1 employment





# **Scheme Recap**

- Improvements (signals and localised widening) to:
  - Copse Road Junction
  - Preston Road junction & additional Asda exit
  - Bluebell Roundabout
  - Westlands Junction
  - Lysander Road/ Watercombe Lane.
- New Western Avenue Cycleway.
- Stourton Way to Western Road Off-Road Cycleway & Crossings



# **Scheme Development and Progress**

- Principles set out in 2006 study leading to £4.58m developer contributions.
- Scheme included in Local Enterprise Partnership growth programme July 2013 following competitive process.
- Initial design work undertaken.
- Consultation with local elected members January 2014.
- Outline business case submitted April 2014.
- Public exhibitions 12-16 May 2014.
- Outline business case approved by LEP July 2014. In-principle agreement to £6.49m contribution.
- Ongoing communication with Yeovil Town Council; Chamber of Commerce and Yeovil Vision Board.
- Detailed design & Procurement completed.
- Advance works utility diversions completed.
- Land acquisition being finalised.



## **Scheme Benefits**

- Enables development of 1547 homes and 20.5 ha employment supporting economic growth in the area
- Increases capacity of the road to carry traffic and reduces delay to traffic
- Reduces forecast levels of congestion once developments are in place: (AM rush hour journey time reduced by up to 36% in 2028, and PM rush hour journey time reduced by up to 27%)
- Economic benefit through reduced journey times equivalent to £123m
- Economic benefit of reduced road accidents equivalent to £1.384m
- Improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists with associated health benefits - physical fitness through physical activity.



## **Contract Benefits**

- Strong Stakeholder Engagement Plan:
- Communications and customer care plan
- Public liaison officer
- Pre-start meetings with affected residents, landowners and businesses
- Monthly project newsletter
- Project information centre
- Web page and social media management
- Media liaison
- Careful planning around events such as football fixtures to minimise disruption



# **Target programme**

- Advance works to divert water utilities April/ May 2017.
- Decision to award contract April 2017.
- Contract award May 2017.
- Mobilisation June 2017
- Commence construction June 2017
- Estimated completion November 2018





## **Copse Road Junction**

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## **Western Avenue Cycleway**



## **Preston Road Junction Signal Roundabout**



## **Bluebell Junction Signal Roundabout**



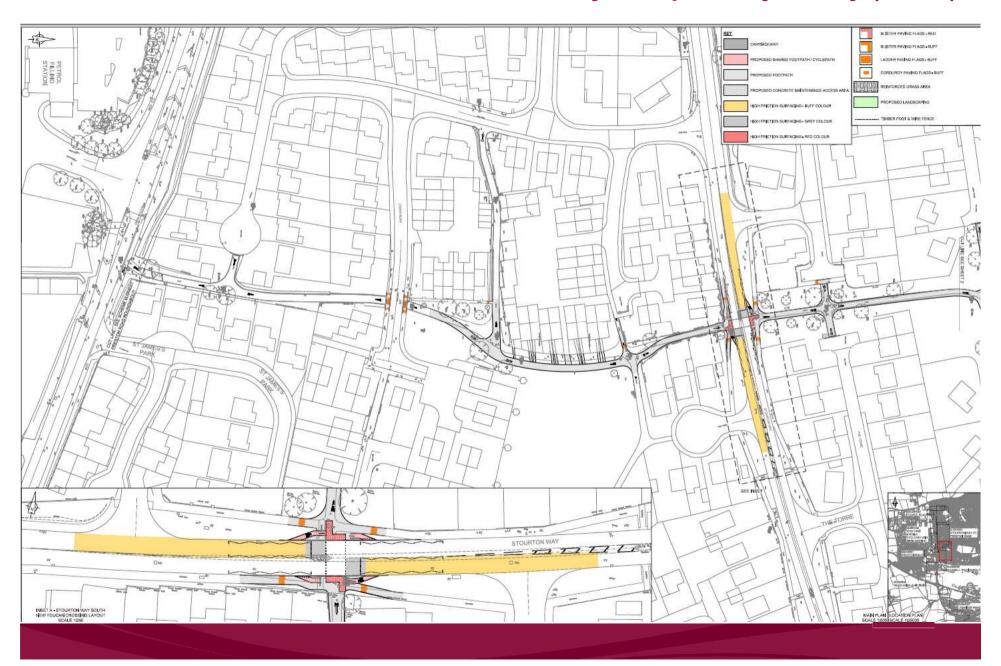
## Westlands Junction Signal 'Throughabout'



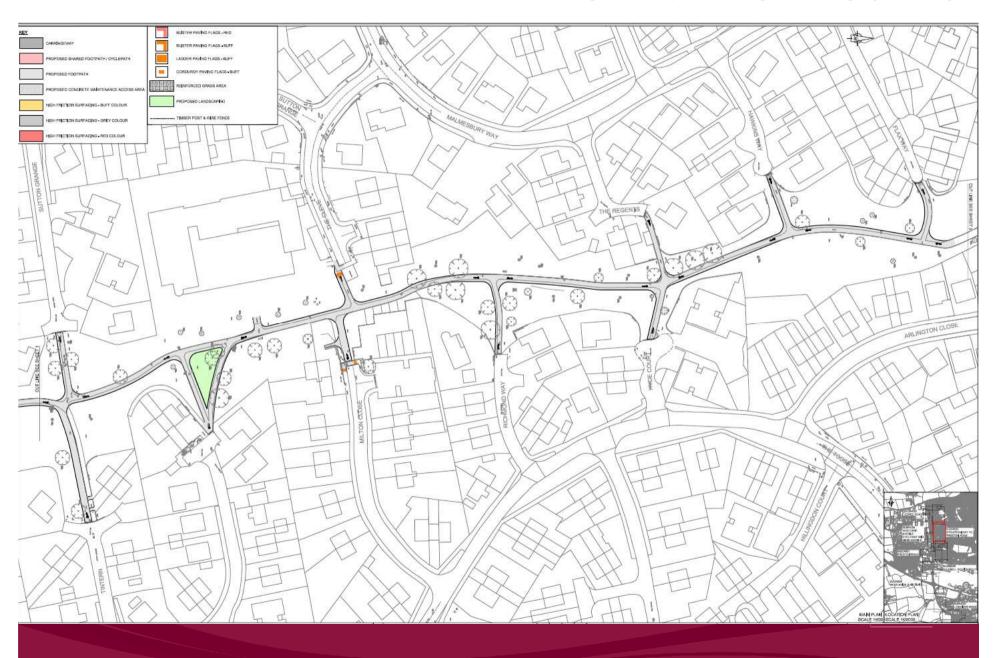
## **Lysander Road/ Watercombe Lane Signal Junction**



#### Preston Road to Stourton Way Footpath/ Cycleway (1 of 3)



#### Preston Road to Stourton Way Footpath/ Cycleway (2 of 3)



#### Preston Road to Stourton Way Footpath/ Cycleway (3 of 3)

