

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER UPDATE OF 2019

There have been significant developments on a range of fronts over the last few months.

The West Cheltenham strategic land allocation has been accepted into the governments Garden Community programme which is most welcome news and meanwhile GCC have been presenting their proposals to improve the A40 corridor.

In parallel GCC and partners continue to work on their J10 upgrade bid which will help unlock the challenges associated with NW Cheltenham and the restricted access currently experienced at J10 and the railway station upgrade scheme is starting to come to fruition.

Graham Garbutt – independent chair

CHELTENHAM SPA STATION

Pleasant to report that works are now fully underway to improve services at the station.

First stage site clearance and insertion of drainage runs actioned so next phases will focus upon:

- Excavation of the attenuation tank.
- Bulk dig of the high level car park area (adjacent to the Honeybourne line)
- Breakthrough of the wall at the front of the station to create the new access steps.
- Commence excavating for the service diversion of the electric main on the site
- Commence construction of the new cycle hub base.



LATEST HEADLINES...

A quick round-up of some of the latest news stories

APRIL

Recap: Audience members quiz Boots Corner panel on extra traffic, bus routes and fines

MAY

Boots Corner traffic regulations to change... AGAIN

JUNE

All we know about the SECOND major shake-up of roads around Boots Corner

JULY

Is this the future of Cheltenham High Street? Animated fly-past reveals new fountain and a lot more trees to make whole area look like John Lewis

VIDEO: The launch of a new vision for Cheltenham High Street

GARDEN COMMUNITIES

MHCLG announced in June that West Cheltenham had secured a place on the Garden Communities programme. This reflects the ambition that Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Councils have for this site shown in this early concept illustration below.

This success will provide some funding as delivering a Garden Village carries costs that go beyond the typical remit of local authorities: capacity funding ensures that places have the resources to fulfil their growth ambitions.

Other aspects of MHCLG support include expert delivery advice from Homes England and cross-government brokerage to resolve strategic policy barriers to delivery.

This is another step that should allow the environmentally sustainable and technologically connected ambition for Cyber Central to become a reality.

Cyber Central



PROJECT UPDATE

Addington Capital appointed local contractor Barnwood for the next phase of works at 111-117 High Street (the unit East of JLP) and they are now on site.

Workshop at St Mary's Minster. The proposed scheme based upon 'boxpark' principles secured unanimous support at planning committee. It aims to create affordable workspace for start-ups particularly in the creative industries and also house the Cheltenham Growth Hub as part of Gfirst LEP network of support for business across the County.

J10 HIF BID

The bid was formally submitted in March and colleagues are now working with Homes England and MHCLG to respond to the queries and challenges arising from the detailed due diligence process. Meanwhile GCC has continued the extensive range of surveys (eg ecology) necessary for such an ambitious proposal, so that they can make rapid progress should the bid be successful. It is anticipated that this will be known late autumn 2019.

HIGH STREET AMBITION

CBC has created a 'fly-through' of their ambition for the High Street which can be found here: <https://www.cheltenham.gov.uk/high-street-vision>

This builds upon the upgrade achieved last year between Cambray and Rodney Road. The principle is to upgrade the surfacing and also introduce planting where opportunities exist as part of a bio-diversity improvement programme.

Certain elements, such as Boots Corner depend upon the outcome of the traffic trial so at this stage CBC is simply seeking views prior to that decision.

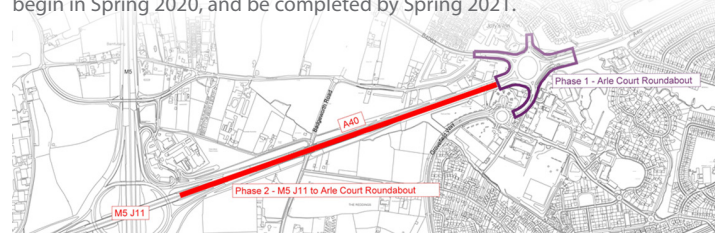
Comments can be made at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/98LMZ7H>



GROWTH DEAL 3

GCC undertook a public share event mid-June with over 500 attendees, to explain the proposed changes to the A40 funded through Growth Deal 3. The objective being to improve traffic flows at the eastern end of the Golden Valley similar to the successful scheme they delivered at Elmbridge Court.

These works will have the added bonus of creating additional capacity for housing and employment growth schemes such as Cyber Central, the new cyber park NW of GCHQ. The first two phases are shown on the attached images. Further phases will follow with an ambition to fully connect Arle Court to Gloucester via a Highways England cycle scheme and to Lansdown Bridge to give pedestrian and cycle access to the railway station. Works are scheduled to begin in Spring 2020, and be completed by Spring 2021.



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