

Project Overview

Project Title	A629 Phase 2 Halifax Town Centre
Main Funding Programme	West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF)
Current Forecast Project cost	£64,139,765
Funding Applied for from the Combined Authority	£64,139,765
Other public sector funding amounts and sources	£0
Private sector funding amounts and sources	£0

Scheme Description

The A629 phase 2 Halifax town centre scheme is being delivered through the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF) A629 Halifax to Huddersfield corridor programme, approved by the Combined Authority Board in 2015.

The Phase 2 Halifax Town Centre scheme will deliver a series of bus, cycling and walking infrastructure improvements to enable greater connectivity and accessibility to and within the town centre. This will enable easier access to key sites by addressing severance (poor walking, cycling, and crossing infrastructure), re-routing traffic, and implementing a revised bus network for greater coverage. This will complement the redeveloped bus station. The scheme will also enhance the public spaces and attractiveness of the town centre.

Business Case Summary

Strategic Case

The scheme will support several local, regional, and national strategic policies and priorities, including ambitions of tackling the climate emergency and encouraging travel by sustainable methods such as walking, cycling and public transport.

The phase 2 town centre scheme is part of a wider A629 programme, with phase 1a: Jubilee Road to Shaw Hill already constructed, and phase 1b: Elland Wood Bottom to Salterhebble Hill nearing completion.

The phase 2 town centre scheme will complement planned works through the Transforming Cities Fund programme, with the 'Improved Streets for People' schemes currently being developed at North and West Halifax.

Extensive consultation with the public and stakeholders, including Councillors, user groups, and bus operators has been carried out and maintained throughout the development of the scheme.

Economic Case

The value for money assessment calculates a Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) of 2.3:1, determining the scheme as High value for money when assessed against the Department for Transport (DfT) value for money criteria.

The assessment reflects that the scheme will benefit new and existing pedestrians, cyclists, and bus users accessing and visiting Halifax town centre.

Commercial Case

The scheme has identified a preferred contractor to deliver the construction works. The consultant who supported the outline business case development, submission of the planning application, and the detailed design stage at full business case for this scheme, will be appointed to provide ongoing design support to the contractor during the construction programme.

Financial Case

The total scheme cost is £64,139,765, which will be fully funded through the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF) programme.

As per the phased delivery programme, the scheme will seek and manage the approval of funding to deliver the construction works when the respective phase is ready to progress to delivery, commencing with the Western Corridor, then Eastern, and then Central.

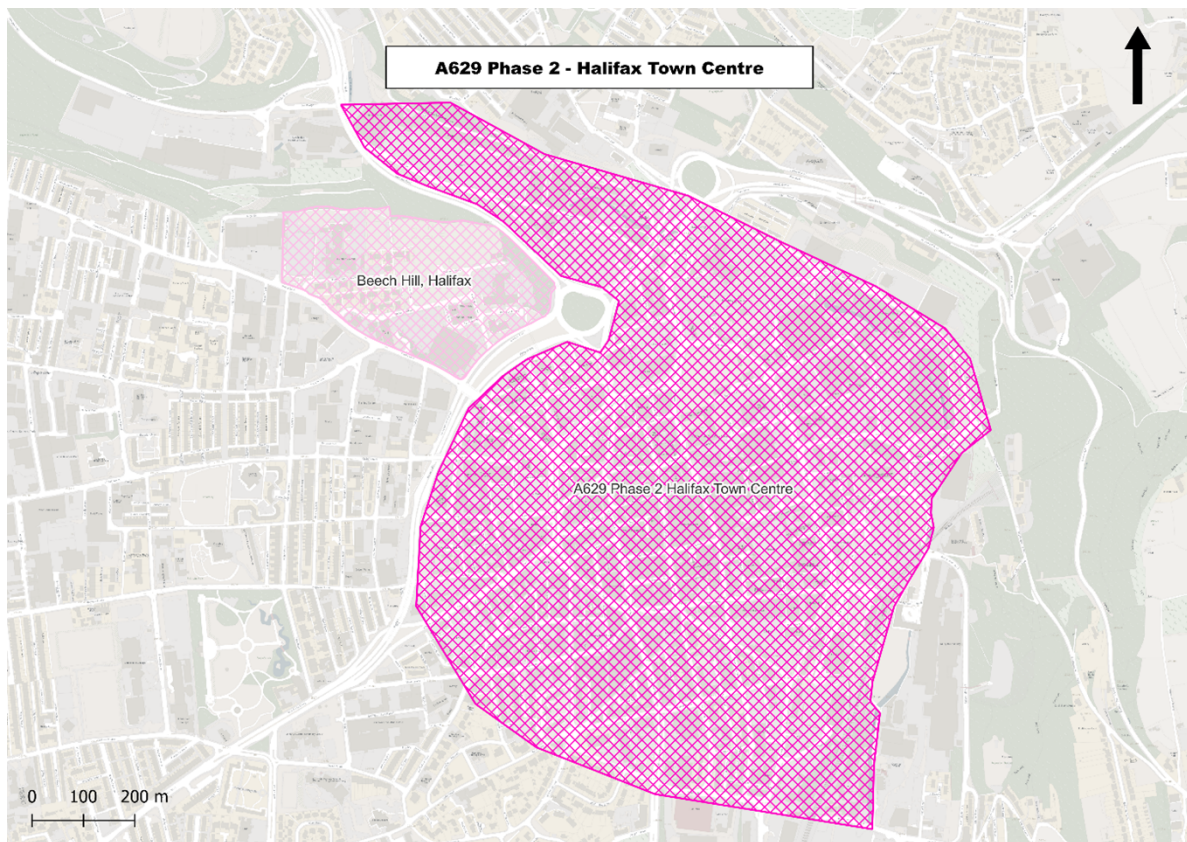
Management Case

The delivery programme expects the Western Corridor works to commence in November 2023, the Eastern Corridor in March 2025, and the Central Corridor in September 2026, with completion of the full scheme by November 2027.

The Planning Application was approved in June 2020, with all conditions discharged as of June 2023 to enable start on site.

Location Map

The following map shows the location of the A639 Park Road scheme:



Please note, depending on the level of scheme development, the location and scope of the schemes indicated here are indicative only.

For further information on Combined Authority schemes across the Leeds City Region, please refer to: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/growing-theeconomy/leeds-city-region-infrastructure-map>