

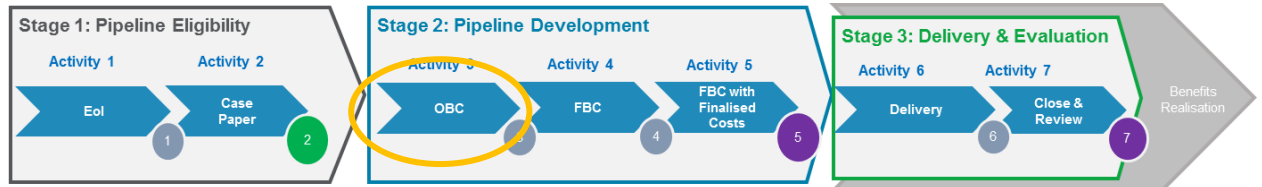
Section A: Scheme Summary

Name of scheme:	CIP: Holmfirth Town Centre Access Plan
PMO scheme code:	WYTF-PA4-038a-6
Lead organisation:	Kirklees Council
Senior responsible officer:	Andy Norman, West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Lead promoter contact:	Sarah Kearns, Kirklees Council
Case officer:	Asif Abed
Applicable funding stream(s) – Grant or Loan:	West Yorkshire + Transport Fund - Grant
Growth Fund Priority Area (if applicable):	Priority area 4 – Infrastructure for growth
Approvals to date:	<p>Decision point 2 – June 2017 Combined Authority Board approval of the CIP Programme phase 1. With approval of £4.482,500 CIP business case development cost, of which £0.8m allocated to Kirklees, of which £0.25m to this scheme.</p> <p>The scheme EOI reflected a scheme cost estimate of £4.9m.</p>
Forecasted full approval date (decision point 5):	January 2022
Forecasted completion date (decision point 6):	January 2023
Total scheme cost (£):	£3.97m
Combined Authority funding (£):	£3.97m
Total other public sector investment (£):	n/a
Total other private sector investment (£):	n/a
Is this a standalone project?	Yes
Is this a programme?	No

Is this project part of an agreed programme?

Yes – WY+TF Corridor Improvement Programme (phase 1)

Current Assurance Process Activity:



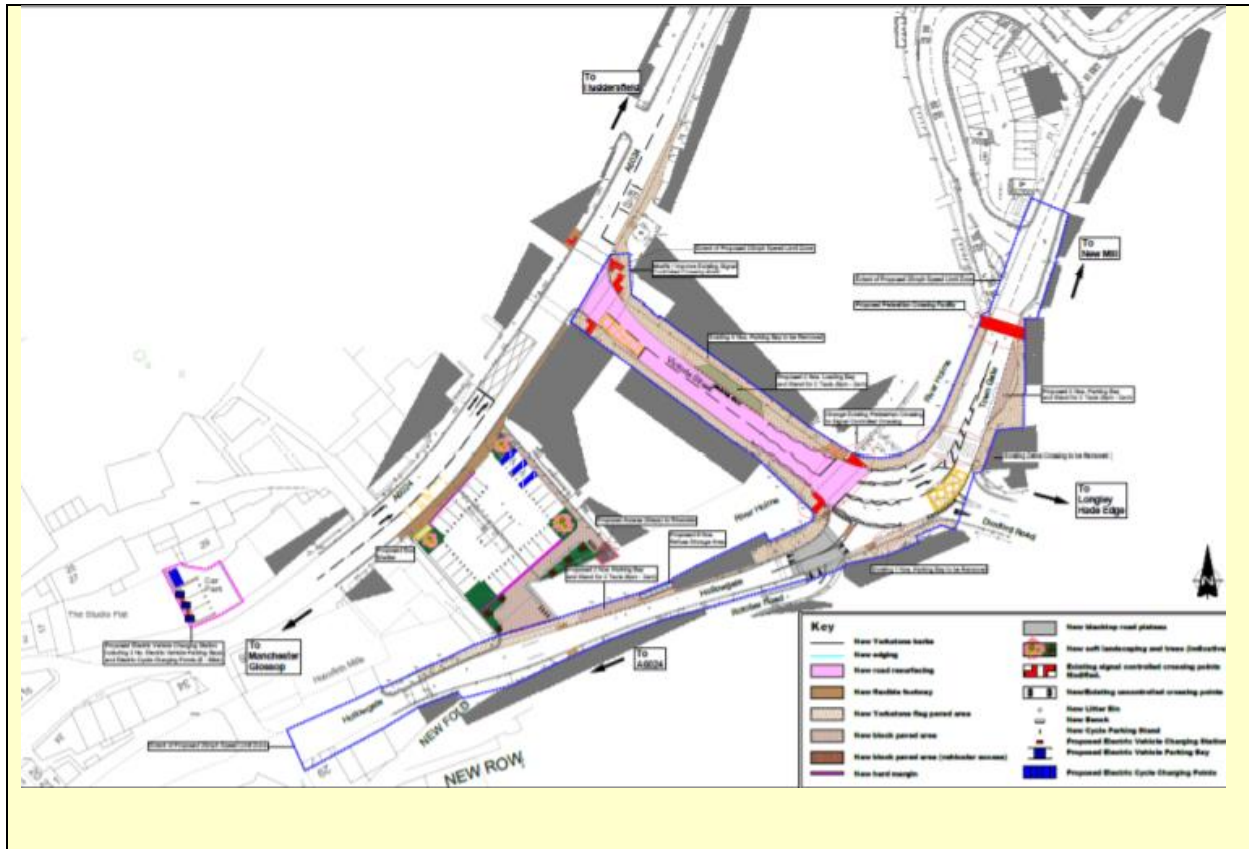
Scheme Description:

The proposed Holmfirth Town Centre Access Plan (HTCAP) aims to support economic growth through investment in improvements at key junctions which focus on reducing current and forecast congestion, improving journey time reliability and widening sustainable travel opportunities. Holmfirth is a tourist / visitor area and relies on the rural economy.

Improvements to the public realm, pedestrian facilities and the creation of riverside seating and links to the river within the area will improve the quality of life for residents, whilst improving the visitor / tourist experience. At the same time, the scheme will facilitate proposed development and will unlock development sites allocated in the Local Plan.

The Holmfirth Town Centre Access Plan is a package of measures which includes:

- Rationalisation and upgrading of the existing signal-controlled junctions to reduce congestion and improve journey times through the area
- Widening of footways
- Improvements to pedestrian crossings
- Inclusion of electric vehicle (EV), electric bike and improvements to car parks including EV charging points
- Improvements to public realm and around the River Holme
- Improvements to bus stop facilities
- Introduction of 20mph areas in the town



Business Case Summary:

Strategic Case

Despite the fundamental role the A6024/A635 and Holme Valley play in the Kirklees District, there are several issues within the current highway network and local area which can be summarised as follows:

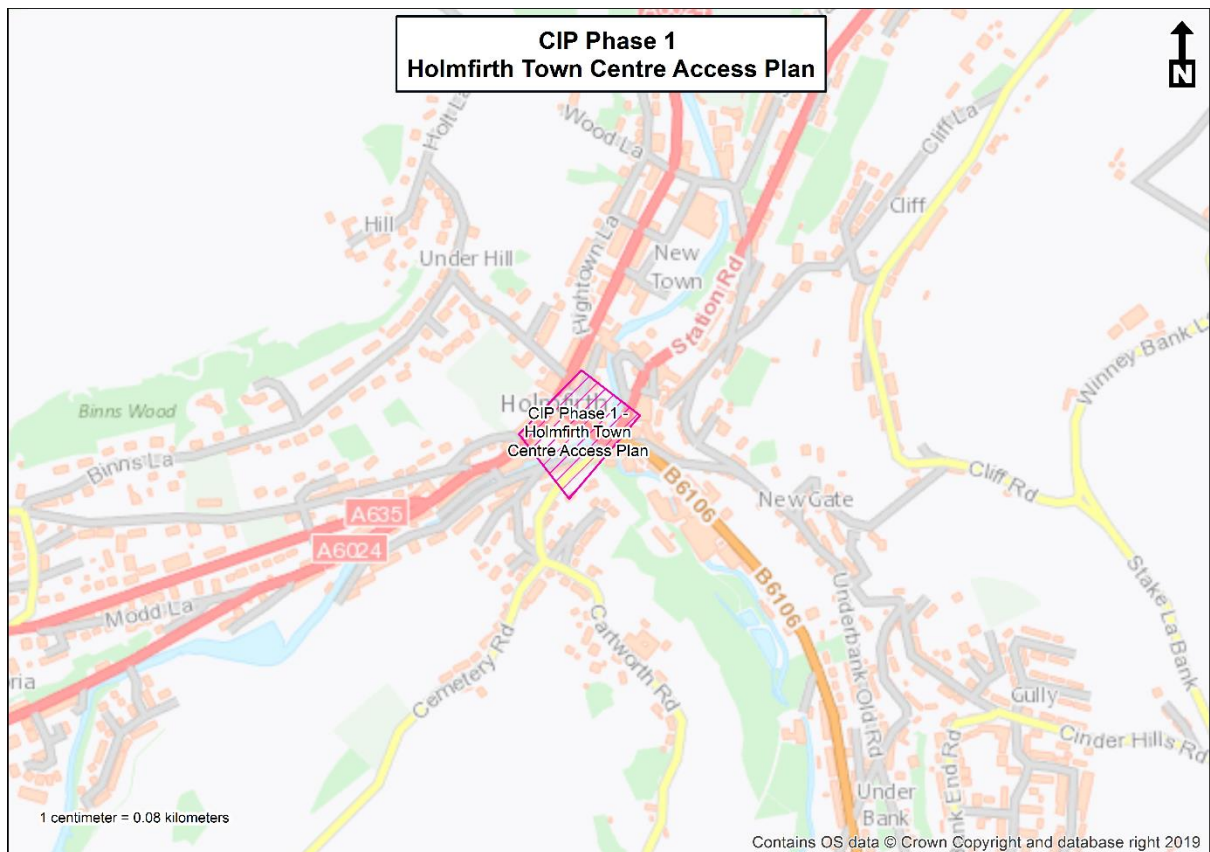
- Severe congestion and poor journey time reliability in the AM and PM peak periods
- Delays and unreliable journey times for bus services; including the local hopper buses
- Conflicts between turning movements and general traffic flow
- Impact on accessibility to employment and proposed housing sites along the Holme Valley corridor, as well as the local tourism centre of Holmfirth town centre
- Risk of flooding along the corridor, including from the River Holme
- Poor air quality
- Poor quality public realm and landscaping – impacting on pedestrians, cyclists and visitors to the area

The above all contribute to an increasingly inefficient highway network, resulting in unreliable travel opportunities and presenting constraints to economic growth and impacting on the viability of strategic growth sites around the Holme Valley. The added impact of the poor public realm and air quality conditions along the corridors further damages the quality of life of existing and future residents of the area, detracts from the tourist appeal of the area and deters more journeys being made on foot and by bike – especially for short trips.

<p>Commercial Case</p>	<p>The A6024 and A635 are both strategic routes which link Huddersfield Manchester and Sheffield, as well as being crucial connector routes between Holmfirth and key local centres within the Holme Valley.</p> <p>Kirklees Council held a Meet the Buyer event in 2015, at which contractors and consultants were made aware of the Combined Authority's pipeline of projects, including schemes within Kirklees. Regular contact has been made with local contractors, with development managers meeting internal staff.</p> <p>At this stage, it is envisaged that the preferred procurement route for the scheme will be via the YORCivil2 process, where a limited number of contractors are on each lot and will comply with the European and UK Procurement Regulations, and the Council's Corporate Procurement Strategy and Contract Procedure Rules. The chosen procurement route will be the traditional approach to procurement using the NEC3 Contract Option A. The detailed design for the project will be delivered in-house and the contractor appointed by tender.</p>
<p>Economic Case</p>	<p>This includes consideration of the long list of interventions, their assessment and the development of the short list of options (which includes one developed in response to public consultation).</p> <p>Two options are assessed in detail using the TRANSYT network and junction signal design model. Sensitivity tests were also included.</p> <p>Both options gave significant benefits over the existing network, reflecting 'very high' value for money when assessed against the Department for Transport's value for money criteria.</p> <p>The preferred option scheme as presented in the outline business case was chosen as it gave a higher Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) in the core scenario, as well as was being the more favourable proposal following stakeholder engagement.</p>
<p>Financial Case</p>	<p>A detailed cost estimate has been prepared for the scheme and the total forecast outturn for the preferred option is £3.97 million, to be funded from the West Yorkshire + Transport Fund.</p> <p>A summarised breakdown of the cost estimate, which includes allowances for inflation, risk and contingency has been presented at outline business case.</p>
<p>Management Case</p>	<p>The management of the development and delivery of the Holmfirth Town Centre Access Plan (HTCAP) will be undertaken by Kirklees Council as lead authority. The Council will assume an overall project management role and hold ultimate responsibility for the delivery of the scheme following the Combined Authority's Assurance Framework and the Council's Corporate Project Management Framework for Successful Projects guidance, which aligns with PRINCE2 principles.</p> <p>Project governance will be provided by the Combined Authority's Corridor Improvement Programme project board which interfaces with the assurance process.</p> <p>Construction commence is forecast for January 2022 with practical completion anticipated for January 2023.</p>

Location map:

The following location map shows the location of the Holmfirth Town Centre Access Plan 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-the-economy/leeds-city-region-infrastructure-map/>