

Section A: Scheme Summary

Name of scheme:	Wakefield City Centre Phase 2: Ings Road
PMO scheme code:	WYTF-PA4-034
Lead organisation:	Wakefield City Council
Senior responsible officer:	Neville Ford
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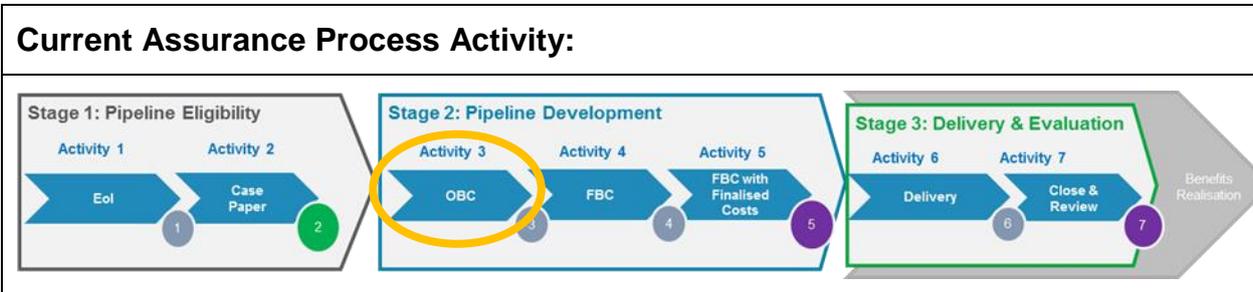
Applicable funding stream(s) – Grant or Loan:	Grant – West Yorkshire-plus Transport Fund
Growth Fund Priority Area (if applicable):	4b

Approvals to date:	Eol / Case Paper – 18 th August 2016
Forecasted full approval date (decision point 5):	31 July 2022 (Submission of FBC+)
Forecasted completion date (decision point 6):	31 January 2024

Total scheme cost (£):	£4.530 million
Combined Authority funding (£) - WYTF:	£4.530 million
Total other public sector investment (£):	-
Total other private sector investment (£):	-

Is this a standalone project?	Yes
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Is this a programme?	No
Is this project part of an agreed programme?	Yes. West Yorkshire-plus Transport Fund (WY+TF)



Scheme Description:

Ings Road is a dual carriageway forming part of the inner ring road in Wakefield, between Charlesworth Way and Chantry Bridge. The road provides access to a number of large retail units, including Sainsbury’s superstore, a petrol filling station, other trade and business units and an apartment block. The map below shows the exact location of Ings Road scheme in Wakefield.

The scheme will deliver a number of improvements to this section of the ring road including improved provision of active travel (walking, cycling and walking) facilities, reductions in congestion at peak times, and enhancements to the public area including tree planting and street lighting. This will support a reduction in carbon emissions, improve safety and facilitate the development of commercial and residential sites within the surrounding area.

Business Case Summary:

Strategic Case

The Ings Road is part of the West Yorkshire Key Route Network, linking Wakefield’s radial routes and the wider strategic highway network. Over the past 10 years a substantial length of the Inner Ring Road in Wakefield has undergone major improvements, the most recent of which was the Kirkgate (City Centre phase 1) scheme, completed in 2018.

Ings Road is the next phase of highway improvements on the Inner Ring Road to be funded in the city through the West Yorkshire Transport Fund.

The proposed scheme addresses the Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan “Priority 4” initiatives, by:

- ✓ improving connectivity
- ✓ reducing delays
- ✓ reducing carbon emissions
- ✓ improving environmental quality &

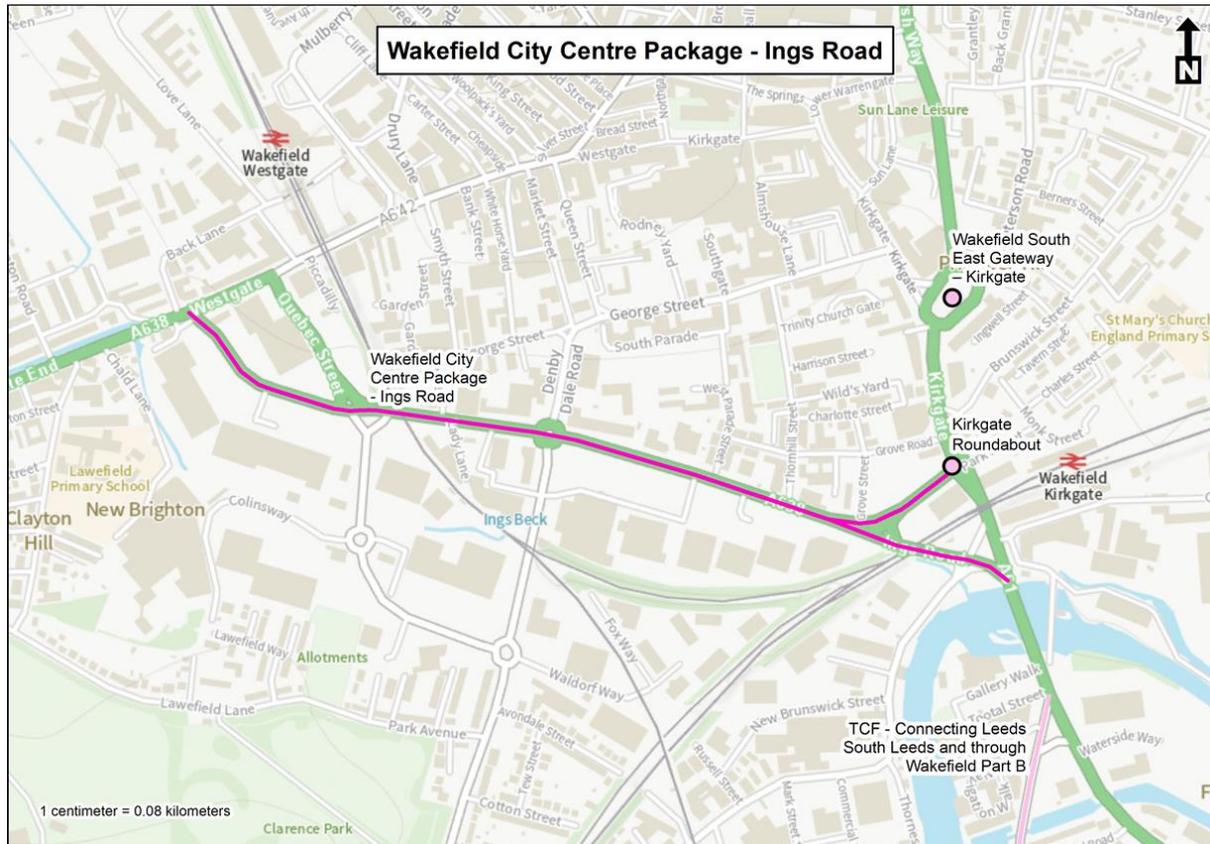
	<p>✓ improving access to the city centre (a SEP Special Priority site).</p> <p>It also supports national and regional plans and strategies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the Government’s “Gear Change” plan & active travel initiatives ➤ West Yorkshire’s Transport Connectivity Strategy 2040 & ➤ West Yorkshire’s Low Emissions Strategy.
Commercial Case	<p>The need for improvements of Ings Road is evidenced by the existing conditions of this section of the road network, which suffers from congestion at peak times, has poor pedestrian and cycling facilities, and a poor environmental quality, compared with the rest of the inner ring road.</p> <p>Improved connectivity will bring into use empty commercial plots that are currently located along Ings Road. Future development plans including committed development sites within Wakefield town centre and future housing provision combined with population growth require improved connectivity through transport infrastructure.</p> <p>The Council has extensive experience of delivering highway schemes, through appointing and supervising highway contractors. Recent similar schemes delivered on time and to budget include Kirkgate city centre phase 1 (£5.6 million) in 2018 and the Glasshoughton Southern Link Road (£6 million) in 2020.</p> <p>The proposed form of contract is likely to be a modified NEC Option 4 contract which has successfully been used on previous highway schemes.</p>
Economic Case	<p>A value for money assessment using the TUBA economic assessment model, as set out in the Economic Assessment Report, produced a “very high” value for money rating. A range of economic scenarios were also tested for low and high traffic growth, cost increases, and changes to the “value of time” as per government guidance.</p> <p>All resulted in a “very high” value for money rating, therefore the proposed “preferred option” passed the economic assessment test.</p>
Financial Case	<p>The forecast scheme cost at Outline Business Case is £4.530 million. This includes sums for project development, delivery, risk, contingency, and scheme monitoring.</p> <p>Council maintenance budgets will fund ongoing maintenance costs.</p>
Management Case	<p>Wakefield Council has good experience of delivering similar projects and has a governance structure in place consisting of a major projects board, an assurance board, and project team.</p> <p>A Quantified Risk Assessment has been prepared for this scheme and will be reviewed regularly.</p>

Current headline risks are traffic orders, construction, drainage and statutory utilities diversion costs.

A Benefits Realisation Plan and a Monitoring & Evaluation Plan will be developed for the full business case.

Location Map:

The following map shows the location of the Wakefield City Centre Phase 2 - Ings Road scheme



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

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