Brickhill Borough Councillors July 2019
From Cllr Wendy Rider and Cllr Charles Royden

There is a lot of discussion about roadworks across the Borough at the moment. Disruption was caused when Highways England closed access to the bypass at Great Barford and traffic ended up going across town. This was then followed by the closure of Bromham Railway Bridge by Network Rail to allow electrification of the railway going north from Bedford. Incidentally the trains will not be stopping at Bedford due to a government decision on the tender which has been opposed by all political parties in Bedford.

Work will now progress on a number of schemes which we have planned in Bedford as part Transporting Bedford 2020 a £20 million scheme to help tackle congestion. This represents the largest ever road investment in our town centre and it cannot be put on hold for year while Network Rail remove the bridge or we would loose much of the money for which we have worked so hard to raise. Work will therefore go on but some schemes such as Manton Lane and the new junctions as Sainsburys and the Clapham Bypass will have to be delayed until Network Rail have finished. However we will see work start on the High Street next year after the River Festival and this will see completely new stone pavements and traffic reduced to one lane with average speed cameras. Our High Street will look superb! Junctions at Cow Bridge, Britannia Road and Shakespeare Road are all to be tackled and in Brickhill there will be new traffic lights on Kimbolton Road at the junctions with Putnoe Lane, Brickhill Drive and Polhill Avenue. Please be patient as all of this will improve traffic and help build a more attractive and prosperous town.

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