



Media Release

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Upcoming roundabout changes affecting Goulds Road

Rolleston's trickiest roundabout will be realigned from a five road to a four road intersection to improve its safety.

The roundabout at the intersection of Lowes Road, Tennyson Street, Springston Rolleston Road and Goulds Road will be altered in late July, with the Goulds Road leg of the roundabout planned to be closed from 1 August.

"As Rolleston grows the roundabout has had an increasing amount of traffic use this key intersection. The existing layout of the roundabout as a five road junction is not suitable given the growing vehicle numbers and the change is designed to improve the roundabouts safety in the interim until the intersection is fully upgraded in 2019/20 with traffic signals," says Andrew Mazey, the Council's Asset Manager Transportation. "The full upgrade at that time will further improve how pedestrians and cyclists can cross Lowes Road to and from the town centre, schools and community facilities in the area."

The closure of the Goulds Road leg of the roundabout has been coordinated to occur after the completion of an extension to Broadlands Drive where this road joins Springston Rolleston Road with a new roundabout installed at the junction. These upgrades have recently been completed.

From 1 August when the changes affecting the Lowes Road, Tennyson Street and Springston Rolleston Road roundabout are planned to occur, the section of Goulds Road between Lowes Road and Broadlands Drive will become a cul-de-sac. Without through traffic along this section of Goulds Road this will improve walking and cycling opportunities along the road which connect to schools and community facilities in the area. Traffic travelling to Faringdon, the Selwyn Aquatic Centre or Clearview School will be able to get there via Springston Rolleston Road and Broadlands Drive. Signage in the area will highlight the changes to motorists.

During the realignment works in late July, the roundabout will remain accessible to vehicles, until the planned closure of access to Goulds Road on 1 August. The 1 August closure date is dependent on adverse weather not delaying the roundabout realignment.

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