An investment of £7.3 million is being made to improve the A131, a strategic route linking Chelmsford and Braintree.

The purpose of the work is to support future economic growth by enhancing network capacity while implementing casualty reduction and safety measures along the route.

The scheme is being carried out in phases with some elements already complete while others are in progress or being planned.

Works include:
- Essex Regiment Way - bus lane extension (complete)
- Deres Bridge Roundabout - casualty reduction scheme (complete)
- Chelmer Valley Road bus lane (complete)
- Nabbotts Roundabout (underway)
- Sheeptcotes Roundabout
The Work:

- Providing a dedicated left turn slip from Braintree Road (A131) to Essex Regiment Way (A130).
- Reduce the size of the central roundabout island to allow two circulatory traffic lanes from Essex Regiment Way (A130) to Braintree Road (A131).
- Widen the roundabout approach on Essex Regiment Way (A130) to two lanes.
- Provide a new section of bus lane on the approach to Sheepcotes Roundabout from Braintree Road (B1008).
Dates:
Advance preparatory works are due to start winter 2018/19 with main construction works expected to follow in spring 2019.

Main works have an anticipated completion date of spring 2020.

We will work with the contractor to minimise delays and provide advance notice prior to any lane closures or diversions.

Further information:
We will continue to post updates on the ‘A131 Chelmsford to Braintree’ webpage to keep local residents and commuters informed as the scheme progresses:

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