

Press Release

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Plans underway to signalise A690 junctions

Plans to signalise two junctions leading onto a main road in County Durham are being finalised, with works to be carried out this year.

Durham County Council is preparing to carry out works which will see traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing installed at the West Rainton and Pittington Lane junctions of the A690.

The council has been working on this wider traffic scheme for over 12 months in conjunction with a developer, who submitted an application to build a residential development along Station Road in West Rainton.

As part of the planning conditions for this, the developer was required to fund the signalising of the West Rainton A690 junction to support the infrastructure of the new estate.

The council then took the decision to build on these works and deliver a wider traffic scheme in this area, which included signalising the opposite junction, Pittington Lane.

Over the last 12 months, the council has been working with the developer to finalise the legal agreements required for the installation of these traffic lights, which was officially confirmed in December 2022.

The council is now preparing a schedule for the works to be carried out, which are estimated to start in late spring 2023.

Cllr John Shuttleworth, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for highways, rural communities, and community safety, said: "For the last 12 months we have been working to develop a wider traffic scheme in this area of the A690 in conjunction with the approved development on Station Road. This work will see traffic lights and a dedicated pedestrian crossing installed at two main junctions, which will support the infrastructure and traffic management of the new build and the wider area.

"The final details have now been agreed and we are currently working on a schedule which will ensure the works are carried out quickly and with minimum disruption to residents and road users."

The A690 will remain open to road users while the works are being carried out, however sections or lanes of the carriageway will be closed as needed. Where necessary, diversions will be put in place and clearly signposted.

The work is expected to be complete with the new junctions reopened in the summer 2023.