

Berryden Corridor

Introduction

Background

At the moment Great Northern Road, Berryden Road and adjoining streets act as a corridor between the city centre, the north of Aberdeen and beyond. The amount of traffic using this corridor means it is operating beyond its capacity leading to significant congestion and delays to journey times, for public transport and general traffic. There is also limited dedicated infrastructure for cyclists and a lack of consistent infrastructure for pedestrians. Consequently, there is a need for the Berryden Corridor Improvement project.

The Project

The purpose of the Project is to improve the efficiency of the public network through improving journey time reliability, relieving congestion and improving infrastructure for walking and cycling. The improved corridor will provide a more appropriate route for traffic accessing the city; the next step towards providing a transport network to meet Aberdeen's needs and city centre aspirations.

A detailed appraisal of the corridor was undertaken, and a preferred option was adopted by the Council in 2009. As the design has progressed further work, including traffic modelling, has been carried out to ensure that the Project continues to perform effectively. In December 2017 the Council resolved to progress the Compulsory Purchase Order in order to acquire land necessary to build the Project.

The Project will provide two lanes in both directions throughout the length of the corridor, widening the existing road between Skene Square and Ashgrove Road and creating a new road between Ashgrove Road and St Machar Drive. Alongside the new carriageway there will be shared and segregated infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists.

Benefits

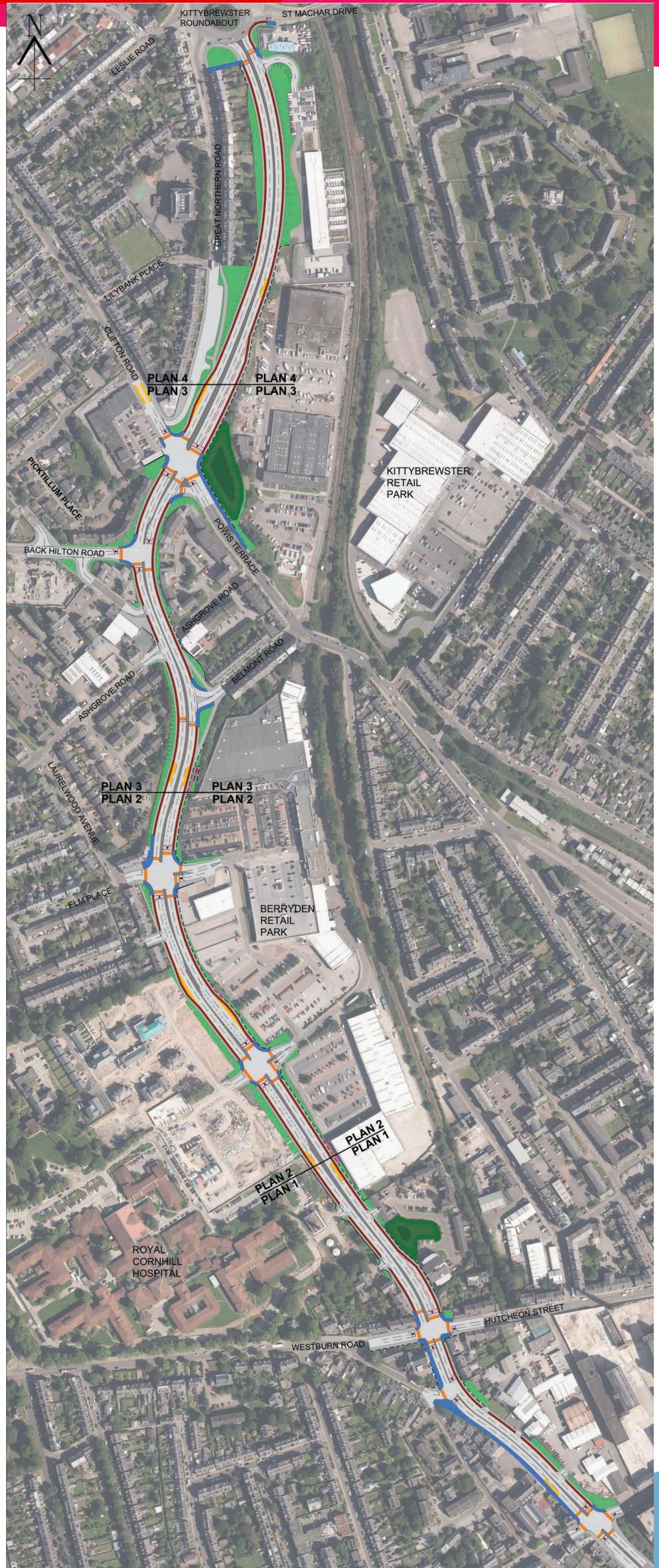
The Project will provide substantial benefits across the north of the city and beyond including:

for traffic...

- improving journey times and connections;
- reducing congestion;
- enabling the rerouting traffic from the city centre core; and
- improving bus journey time reliability.

for walking and cycling...

- creating a safer and more attractive footway network;
- providing segregated and continuous cycling facilities;
- an increased number of convenient crossing facilities; and
- improving the accessibility to the city centre, railway and bus stations.



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