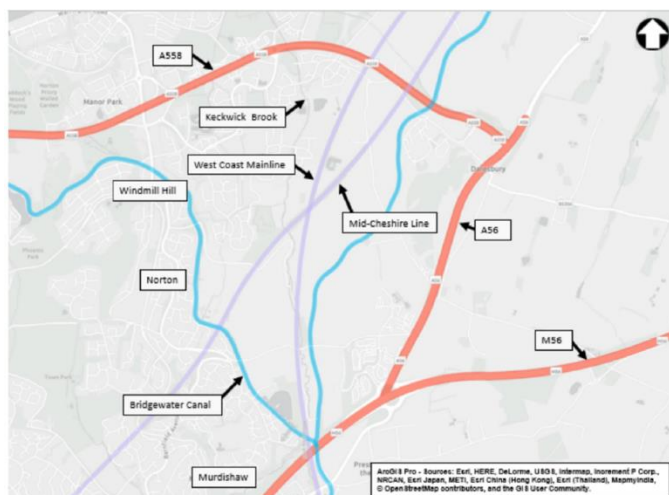


The Project

This scheme sets out to provide a package of improvements to the A56 corridor between the M56 Junction 11 Preston Brook Interchange in the south, and the boundary of Warrington Borough Council to the north. We have brought together a number of transport elements to create the A56 Multi-Modal Corridor Scheme including the improvement of existing active travel facilities on the west of the carriageway, the creation of new active travel provisions on the eastern side, in addition to an extensive programme of pavement rehabilitation works of the main carriageway.

The Challenges

Identified by Cheshire County Council in the early 1980's a number of sections of the A56 (Chester Road) require reconstruction works to remove the underlying materials which are causing ridges to form creating the poor ride quality. The scheme will enable the resurfacing of the road from the Daresbury Hotel to the Borough Boundary with Warrington. This has been a longstanding issue and until now sufficient funding wasn't available to rectify the problem. Whilst this work is being undertaken there is an opportunity to install a new traffic signal junction for the Redrow development at Delph Lane, and a new footpath on the east side of the A56 Chester Road between Delph Lane and Keckwick Lane.



Funding

Halton has applied to the Liverpool City Region for CRSTS funding to deliver the A56 East Runcorn Connectivity Scheme. The funding is ring fenced to deliver key transport improvements and initiatives to provide a sustainable and resilient transport network.

Following Department for Transport and HM Treasury Guidance working in partnership with the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) Halton has developed a Full Business Case for East Runcorn Connectivity A56 scheme, and once it has successfully been approved by the Liverpool City Region and the funding accepted by Halton Borough Councils Executive Board, it is anticipated that work will start in early September 2024.

If successful there will be some minor enabling works happening in the interim through August such as a compound setup on an adjoining field by the northbound layby and two crossover points at either end of the scheme. Further details of the works will be released once funding has been confirmed.