

# FAQs The Great Stall Bridge

## What is the purpose of The Great Stall Bridge?

- The Great Stall Bridge, previously known as The Green Bridge, will connect the New Eastern Villages (NEV) with the existing community. It will provide pedestrian, cycle and public transport priority into Swindon, thereby reducing conflict with A420 and White Hart junction traffic, and provide a link across the A419 for the existing community to reach the new District Centre.

## How much would this scheme cost?

- The estimated cost for the scheme is £23.55m.

## How will this be funded?

- The scheme will be funded from Local Growth Fund grant and developer (S106) contributions.

## When will the works be carried out?

- The works are proposed to start in 2020.

## How long will the work take?

- The estimated duration is 16 months.

## Can The Great Stall Bridge be opened to all traffic?

- The bridge will be designed structurally to accommodate all forms of traffic. Should the Council choose to allow all vehicles in the future, the bridge could carry all traffic.

## How will light pollution be dealt with?

- Investigations of light pollution will be carried out as part of the design process and will form part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. This study will be used as a basis for mitigation.

### **Will noise levels be considered?**

- Noise surveys are underway in the area of the proposed bridge. The data from these surveys will be used during the design stage to model the effect of the revised junction and any mitigation measures that are required. Again, this assessment forms part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process.

### **How high will the proposed bridge be?**

- The bridge needs to achieve a certain height to comply with Highways England design standards and provide sufficient clearance above the A419. The current proposal is that the total height of the bridge will be 10m high above the ground level. However SBC is looking at design techniques to minimise total height.

### **Can we upgrade the current bridge over the A419 rather than build a new one?**

- The bridge is designed to provide a direct link for public transport to the NEV District Centre as set out in Swindon Borough Council's Local Plan, and the existing bridge on Wanborough Road would not provide a direct route.

### **Can the dual carriageway section of Merlin Way be reduced to single carriageway?**

- With the relocation of the A419 northbound on-slip to the north of White Hart Junction, traffic flows will be reduced in this area. Further assessment is however required to determine whether reduction in the physical carriageway is cost effective, or whether any redundant space could be used for other modes of transport or infrastructure.