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### **TRAFALGAR INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

The Government is now proceeding with its Trafalgar Interchange Project contained in its manifesto. The project will improve traffic fluidity at Trafalgar junction, Europa Road and Rosia Road, putting an end to the historical delays at that point during peak times. A new roundabout will be constructed to replace the existing system of junctions, which will allow a better management of the various traffic streams which converge in this area from Ragged Staff, Rosia Road, Europa Road, Line Wall Road and Main Street. The aim is to remove the current traffic conflict points such as those present at Boyd Street with Europa Road and at Rosia Road with Ragged Staff. In addition, the construction of a smaller roundabout to the south at the junction between Rosia Road and Ragged Staff will allow northbound vehicles from Rosia Road to proceed northbound without having to travel along Boyd Street.

Pedestrian flows will also be managed in a more efficient manner. The quantity and distribution of the existing pedestrian crossings causes numerous breaks to traffic flows and they will be rationalised and replaced with pelican crossings.

Northbound traffic coming down from Europa Road and that coming from Queensway will merge along the stretch of Main Street from Referendum Gate to the junction of King's Yard Lane, thus avoiding the current conflict at the Queen's Cinema which so delays traffic coming down from Europa Road, especially in the early morning.

Government is also mindful of the current landscaping merits of the area which has been a primary consideration in the development of the design. The new planting regime will preserve as many of the existing plants and trees as possible, albeit relocated as necessary, and add to these to recreate and improve the present configuration. The street beautification aspects of the project will also serve to enhance the area and will provide continuity from the Main Street works.

Works will be undertaken in stages with the first phase starting as from 08:00am on Wednesday 6 May 2009 for a period not exceeding 8 weeks. All traffic flows will continue whilst the works progress. Portable temporary road works traffic signs will be placed to inform pedestrians and to direct drivers accordingly.