

Scheme Benefits

- Reduce existing town centre congestion and help boost the local economy.
- Improve transport links across Cheshire, helping the local economy.
- Support the regeneration of Congleton by creating and securing jobs.
- Improve access to Congleton Business Park and Radnor Park Trading Estate.
- Improved cycle and pedestrian routes on the new link road and town centre roads.
- Improve air quality within the town centre.

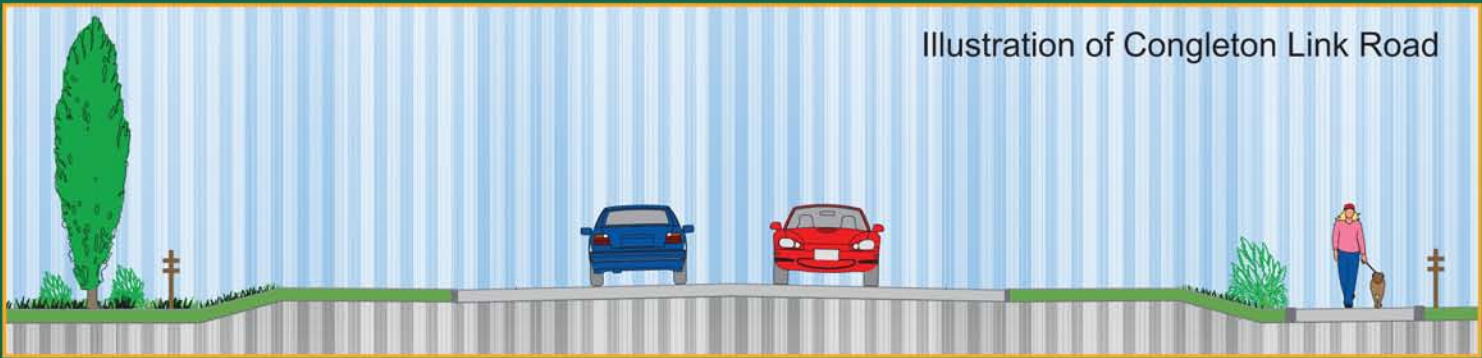


Illustration of Congleton Link Road

How Can I Submit My Views?

Attend one of our consultation events at Congleton Town Hall:

- Thursday 23rd January 2014 (12pm – 5pm)
- Friday 24th January 2014 (9am - 8pm)
- Saturday 25th January 2014 (10am - 5pm)

The exhibition will also be on display throughout the consultation period at Congleton Library. The consultation period begins on the 13th January 2014 and ends on the 28th February 2014.

Visit our website: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/congletonlinkroad

Email us: congletonlinkroad@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Call us: 0300 123 5035

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Thank you

Looking Back at 2013



Congleton welcomed back the Mercian Regiment in June



Congleton had the UK's Youngest Mayor when Cllr George Hayes became Mayor in May



Congleton had smart new Christmas Lights



Reg wins the Car in the Shops Summer Prize Draw



Flower Towers were introduced as part of the In Bloom efforts



Fund-raising for the Congleton Community Ice Rink began in February



Lots to see, do, hear and learn at Parklive 2013

Congleton Food4Free transformed the area by Capitol Walk



A busy Horticultural Show



Jazz came to town in August!



Thousands enjoyed the Food and Drink Festival in June



Congleton's first Open Space Arts Festival was a great success!

You should be proud of yourselves!

Congleton is a great town and the envy of many of our neighbours! When we work together we can achieve amazing results. Below are some of the awards the town has achieved in 2013. Congratulations to the many individuals, businesses and organisations who received awards this year.

- **LARGE TOWN WINNERS AND RHS GOLD**
- Neighbourhood Award for Buglawton
- Neighbourhood Award for Bromley Farm
- North West in Bloom
- **RUNNER-UP BEST KEPT TOWN 2013**
Cheshire Community Pride Awards
- **LITTLE GEM AWARD**
CONGLETON PADDLING POOL
Cheshire Community Pride Awards
- **BEST COMMUNITY WEB SITE**
www.congleton-tc.gov.uk
Cheshire Community Pride Awards
- **REGIONAL COMMENDATION FOR TEAM CONGLETON AND 5 TOWNS PARTNERSHIP**
Action for Market Towns
- **GREEN FLAG AWARDS FOR CONGLETON PARK AND 12 SCHOOLS**
Keep Britain Tidy Group
- **GOLD CARDIO SMART AWARD**
North West Ambulance Service

Bear Necessities

With News from Congleton Town Council & Community Groups
Winter 2014



Congleton is Competing in Britain in Bloom!

Congleton is getting ready to represent the North West in the Britain in Bloom competition this summer, having won North West in Bloom in 2013. Improvement work is already starting and it is a great opportunity to make Congleton look extra special for its residents, workers and visitors this summer. The Britain in Bloom competition has been running for 50 years - so there will be a gold theme running through some of the displays.

New plants have been planted in West Street and the children have planted tubs to bloom

through the winter and spring. Congleton Food4Free is managing the planted area by Capitol Walk and plans are afoot to improve the Antrobus Street Gardens. Hundreds of hours of volunteer work ensure that the Community Garden in Lawton Street remains an attractive place to go.

The In Bloom partners will be holding an open evening on Wednesday 5th February, 6-8pm, for everyone interested in joining in the IN BLOOM efforts for next year. Don't be shy - come along and see how you can help your town!

Congleton Gets Its Skates On!

This time last year one of the local businesses had an idea that they would love to see an Ice Rink in Congleton. Determined fund raising and some incredible support from local businesses and organisations, turned the dream into a reality and around 2,500 people enjoyed skating in Congleton this Christmas. The funds raised

from the ticket sales will now go into a Community Chest for another great event or events for Congleton.



Town Council to Deliver More Services

Congleton Town Council is now responsible for litter picking, emptying the public bins and dog bins, cleaning the toilets, looking after the play areas, parks, roundabouts and public open spaces in the town. Cheshire East is paying the Town Council to employ and manage the 11 staff that deliver these services for Congleton. The Town Council has welcomed these new staff and believes it will help deliver the vision of making Congleton an even better place to live, work and visit.

Town Council Tax expected to increase by £2.63 per year

The Town Council is expected to increase its precept (the amount residents pay the Town Council) by 5p per week from April. This increase is necessary to offset the reduction in Council Tax Support Grant of £11,529 and the new charge of £14,800 for monitoring the CCTV cameras.

Every effort is being taken by the staff and councillors to deliver the same or better services with an increasingly tight budget.

Bear Necessities is produced by Congleton Town Council. The next newsletter will be delivered around 31 March. All contributions should be sent by 6 March to Jackie MacArthur at Congleton Town Hall, High Street Congleton CW12 1BN, Tel 01260 270350 or email jm@congletontowncouncil.co.uk

Know Your Councillor

Congleton is divided into two wards, East and West. As a rough guide East Ward covers Buglawton, Bromley Farm, Mossley and Lower Heath. West Ward covers the Town Centre, West Heath and Newcastle Road. Each ward is represented by 10 Councillors.

All Councillors can be contacted through the Town Council and further details can be seen at www.congleton-tc.gov.uk Your Councillors elected or co-opted to serve until May 2015 are:



Dawn Allen, C



Gordon Baxendale, C



John Saville Crowther, IVC



Robbie Brightwell, C



Louise Bours, UKIP



Amanda Martin, C



Denis Murphy, LD (Deputy Mayor)



Jean Parry, C



Neville Price, I



Elizabeth Wardlaw, C



Guy Brittain, C



David Brown, C (Deputy Leader)



Paul Bates, C



George Hayes, C (Mayor)



Bob Edwards, C (Council Leader)



Sally Ann Holland, C



Rebecca Williams, C



Douglas Parker, C



Glen Williams, C



Guy Brittain, C



Rebecca Williams, C

C= Conservative; LD = Liberal Democrat; I= Independent; IVC = Independent Voice of Congleton; UKIP = UK Independence Party

Events to look forward to in 2014

Below are some of the key events that we have been made aware of for 2014. We know that there are more events in the pipeline, but the organising committees have yet to confirm dates.

For an up-to-date list of events, please check out our website: www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

JANUARY

11-18	Puss in Boots, Daneside Theatre
15	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2 - 4pm, 5.30- 7.30pm
16	CTC Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm
19	Film Daneside Theatre
23-25	Cheshire East Link Road Exhibition, Town Hall
23	CTC Planning Committee, 7pm
26	Free Heart Start Course, Congleton First Responders, tel 07931 748902
31	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2 - 4pm, 5.30- 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

6	CTC Environment & Services Committee, 7pm
6	until 1 March – Renewal Exhibition, Electric Picture House
12	Siemens Inter Schools Awards, Town Hall, 3pm - 7pm
16	Film, Daneside
20	Planning & Finance and Policy Committee, 7pm
23	Free Heart Start Course, Congleton First Responders, tel 07931 748902
24	until 9 March – Fairtrade Fortnight
26	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2 -4pm, 5.30 - 7.30pm
28	until 1 March – Rotary Club Swimathon
28	UNTIL 2 MARCH – CONGLETON UNPLUGGED

MARCH

2	Congleton Harriers, Cloud Nine Hill Race, 11am
2	Museum Walk: 'Discovering your Congleton' - P Aston, 2pm
5-8	Congleton Beer Festival, Congleton Leisure Centre
6	CTC Full Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7 pm
13	CTC Planning and Town Hall Committees, 7pm
14	Mayor's Ball, Town Hall
19	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2 - 4pm, 5.30 - 7.30pm
20	CTC Environment & Services Committee, 7pm
23	Free Heart Start Course, Congleton First Responders, tel 07931 748902
26-29	Centre Stage - Grease - Daneside Theatre, 7.30pm
27	CTC Finance and Policy Committee, 7pm
29	Congleton Youth Orchestra, Town Hall, 7.30pm
30	MOTHERING SUNDAY
	LOOK OUT FOR A TOWN HALL WEDDING FAYRE!

The **Town Council** is located in the Town Hall. The office is open Monday - Friday from 9am - 5pm. To speak to the Town Clerk contact Brian Hogan on 01260 270350, ext 1, or email bh@congletontowncouncil.co.uk

REGULAR EVENTS...

Park Run: Astbury Mere - every Saturday, meet 9am
Story-time: Congleton Library, every Tuesday, 10.30am-11am
Rhyme- time: Congleton Library, every Thursday, 10.30am-11am
Sunday Social Run: 9.30am-11am, Congleton Harriers

APRIL

3	CTC Planning Committee, 7pm
3-26	Pattern, Print and Paint Exhibition - Electric Picture House
5	Know Your Blood Pressure, Bulls Head, 10am-12 noon, Rotary Club of Congleton
5	Trio Gitan, Gypsy Jazz Trio, Electric Picture House, tickets £7
5	Congleton Choral Society Concert, Town Hall, 7.30pm
6	Museum Walk: 'In search of Georgian Congleton' - I.Doughty - 2pm
14	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2 - 4pm, 5.30 - 7.30pm
17	CTC Full Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm
18	GOOD FRIDAY -Churches Together Service, Town Centre
20	Easter Sunday
23-26	Congleton Players - Waiting For Godot - Daneside Theatre
27	Seedling Swap, Astbury Mere Visitor Centre

MAY

4	Museum Walk: 'Ancient Places' - I.Doughty - 2pm
7	Feast of Flowers - Rangers Walk - Biddulph Valley Way
8	Annual Town Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm
10	Fair Trade People' - World Fairtrade Day
13	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2-4pm, 5.30 - 7.30pm
15	Mayor Making Ceremony, Town Hall, 7 to 9.30pm
15-17	Selection of Grimms' Tales, Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre-Daneside
17	Astbury May Day, Astbury School
23	until 7 June – John Wilkinson Exhibition, Electric Picture House
24	Paddling Pool Opens for Summer Season
31	Air Training Corps Coffee Morning, Congleton Leisure Centre

JUNE

1	Museum Walk: 'Pub Crawl through Time' - L.Murgatroyd -2pm
3	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2 - 4pm, 5.30 - 7.30pm
7	Primary Schools Music Event, Town Hall, 2.30 to 5.30pm
8	Brass on the Grass - Congleton Park - 100 years of Bandstand
15	FATHERS DAY
15	FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL, TOWN CENTRE, 10.30 - 4.30PM
17-18	Cheshire Show - Tabley
19	Teddy Bears Picnic- Congleton Park, 12.30 - 2.30pm
19	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2 -4pm, 5.30 - 7.30pm
22	Lions Youth Brass Band - Congleton Park Bandstand
24	Midsummer Sunset Walk - Rangers- Timbersbrook/B.V.Way

JULY

5	Youth Orchestra Summer Concert, Town Hall
6	Museum Walk: 'Mill Walks and Industrial Yarns' - 2pm
11	CONGLETON CARNIVAL HOLLER CONCERT - CONGLETON PARK
12	CARNIVAL PARADE & CONCERT IN THE PARK
13	CARNIVAL - IT'S A KNOCKOUT - CONGLETON PARK
15	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm
19	Choral Society Concert, Town Hall, 7.30pm
20	Stroke Association Walk - Circular Walk around Congleton Park
25-26	'Astonbury' Music & Beer Festival, Glebe Farm
	NW in Bloom and Britain in Bloom judging, this month

AUGUST

3	Museum Walk: 'Shopping in Congleton' I.Doughty - 2pm
5	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm
8	National Oatcake Day - Town Centre, 10.30 - 12.30pm
23-24	JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER

	Lions Duck Race in Congleton Park, date tbc
7	Museum Walk: 'People and Places' - I Doughty - 2pm
9	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm
11	East Cheshire Chamber Open Day
13	Congleton Horticultural Show, Town Hall
27-28	OPEN SPACES ARTS FESTIVAL, TOWN CENTRE

OCTOBER

5	Sting in the Tail Marathon, Congleton Harriers
5	Museum Walk: 'Changing Places' I.Doughty - 2pm
15	Meres, Canals, Ways & Edges - Rangers Walk-
17-18	"A Soldiers Farewell" - Daneside
19	Apple Day - Astbury Mere
28	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm
	LOOK OUT FOR A Wedding Fayre in the Town Hall and WW1 Exhibition in the Museum

NOVEMBER

	Rotary Bonfire & Firework Night, Congleton Park, (TBC)
2	Museum Walk: 'Surprising Trades' - P.Aston - 2pm
3	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm
9	Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service
22	Choral Society Concert - Town Hall
28	CONGLETON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON, 4-7PM
29	Youth Orchestra Autumn Concert, Town Hall

DECEMBER

	Electric Picture House Affordable Art Sale
3	National Blood Service, Town Hall, 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm
6&13	Xmas Party Night, Town Hall, 7.30pm
20	Choral Society Xmas Concert

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Congleton Link Road We Want Your Views

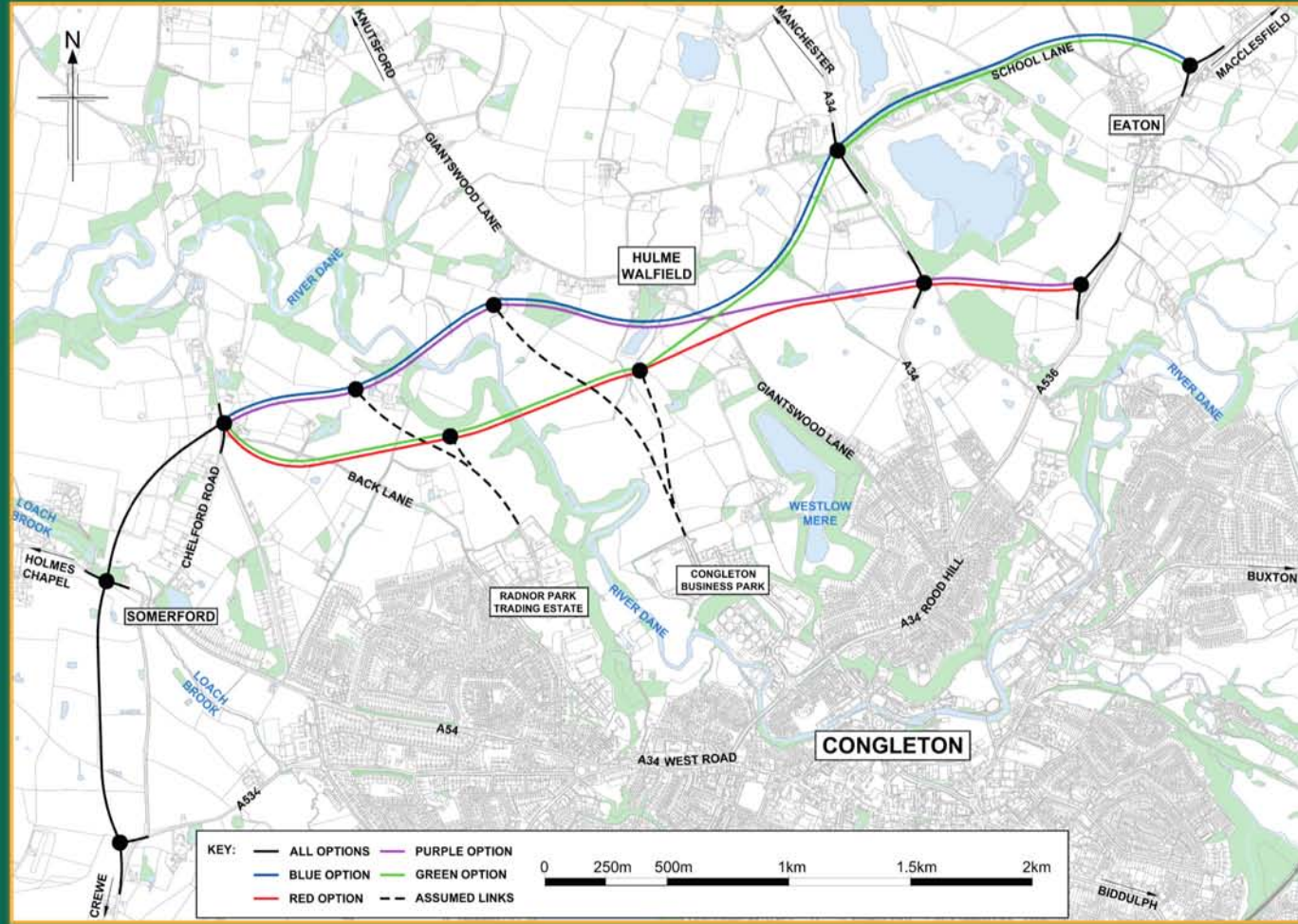
Introduction

Congleton currently experiences heavy congestion, particularly at peak times. This has hampered town centre regeneration, reduced inward investment and also made it difficult to retain existing business.

As the local population grows, more traffic will be generated, putting further strain on the existing highway network. Without future transport infrastructure improvements, Congleton's congestion problems will worsen, restricting the potential for economic growth.

The Congleton Link Road aims to address these issues by providing an alternative route for through traffic to the north of the town, promoting economic expansion and attracting business to the area.

Cheshire East Council is considering a number of options regarding the route of the link road and is keen to hear your views.



The Options

Four options (Red Option, Blue Option, Green Option, Purple Option) have been identified which provide a new link road between the A534 Sandbach Road (to the west of Congleton) and the A536 Macclesfield Road (to the north-east of Congleton).

Roundabout junctions would be a feature of all options and provide connections to the existing highway network. Links to Congleton Business Park and Radnor Park Trading Estate would also be provided. Bridge structures would be required to span both Loach Brook and the River Dane. A bridge would also be provided to take Giantswood Lane over the new link road.

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