

A65

Newsletter 2

Quality Bus Scheme

Autumn
2008



Following on from Newsletter 1 in Summer 2007 and a public exhibition, a great deal has been done in preparing the A65 Quality Bus Scheme.

Newsletter 2 aims to:

- inform on progress
- give a summary of feedback from previous consultations
- show changes that were made
- introduce the Contractor

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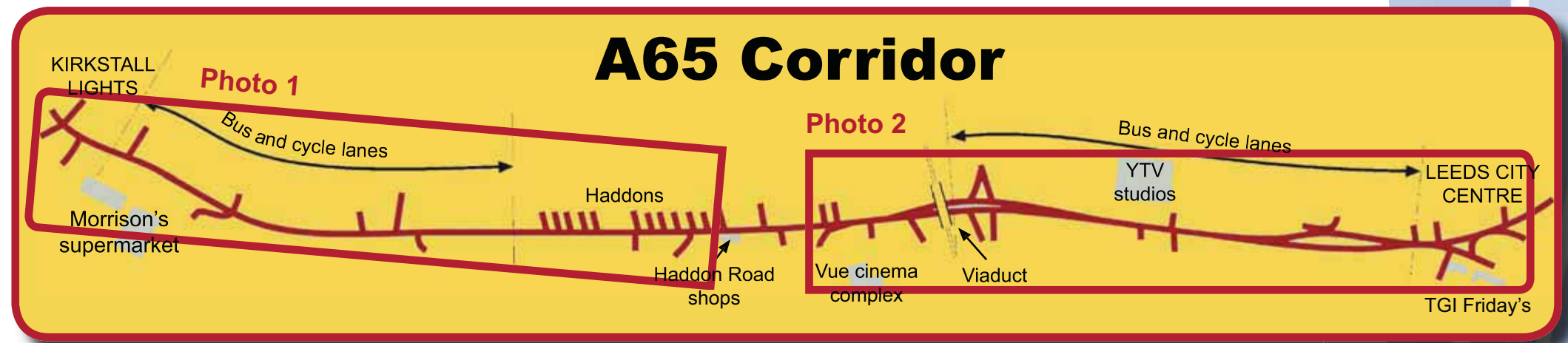
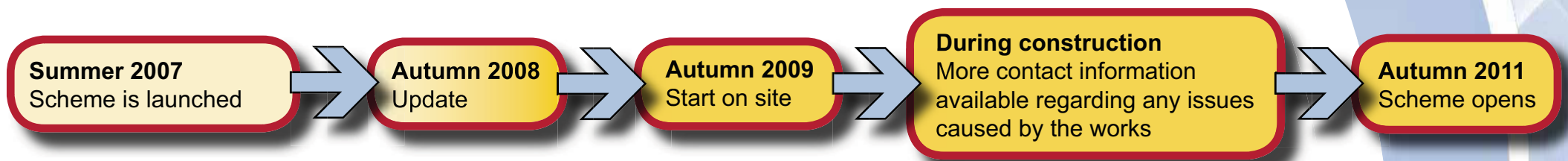
Following on from Newsletter 1 and the earlier consultation, October 2007, a great deal of work has been done. One of the main changes has been that, following residents' concerns, the design has changed to keep Gilbert Mount open.

In order to build the scheme with maximum efficiency and with minimum disruption, Leeds City Council has appointed the contractor Carillion early in the design stage.

This will allow Carillion to assist Leeds with:

- Planning and programming the works
- Liaising with utility companies for their diversions
- Managing the traffic during construction
- Public consultation

The next phase of the design work, which will lead up to work starting on site, is expected to take 12 months. Construction work is therefore expected to start on site in Autumn 2009. Further consultation and communication will take place prior to this happening.



* **Bus Gate:** The BUS GATE is a set of traffic signals at the end of the bus lane which will give priority to buses when they get to the front of the queue.



Photo 1

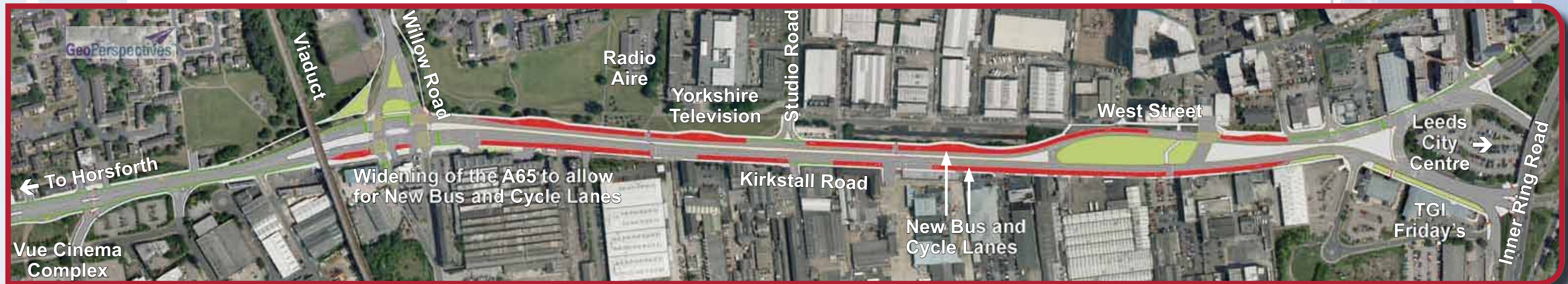


Photo 2

Benefits of the Quality Bus scheme:

- 4km of new bus lane in to and out of Leeds.
- Improved bus journey times and reliability.
- Clear, accurate route information before and during the journey.
- New shelters with display boards along the route, up-to-date timetables, help/security points and real-time information at the busiest stops.
- New road surfacing and additional crossing facilities for pedestrians.
- Better quality vehicles and interiors, step-free boarding and alighting and additional bus driver training.

This information is available in large print, Braille, on audio tape and on computer disc.

For further information and feedback:

Now

- Scheme comments and updates available on our website www.leeds.gov.uk/a65qbc
- Hotline number available 0845 124 0113
- Latest Newsletter also available from certain Leeds City Council and Metro outlets – see website

Soon

- Updates in *About Leeds* – a free publication distributed to Leeds residents
- Provide feedback or request information via email – see website for details
- Register for email updates on our website

Later

- Advertising along the bus route – on buses and at bus stops
- Scheme displays in local community buildings – e.g. local libraries
- Further leaflets keeping you up to date with information as the scheme progresses

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