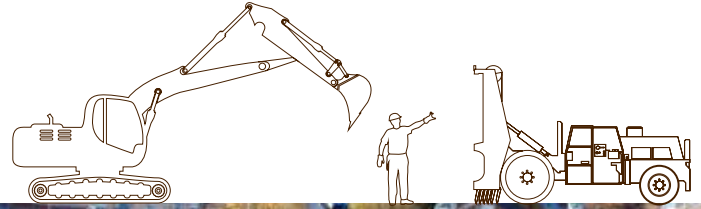


Link Road – Houlton



Work is underway on the early delivery of a 1.5-mile link road which will connect Radio Station Rugby to the town by July 2019. It will get motorists from the new development at Houlton to Rugby train station and the town centre in less than ten minutes and will also provide an off-road footpath and cycleway to promote more sustainable transport. The improved connection will strengthen the link between the new community and Rugby, ensuring the town benefits from the economic growth brought about through the expansion. The work is being delivered simultaneously through two separate infrastructure contracts with a combined contract value of over £27 million.

Connecting to Rugby at Butler's Leap, an existing junction, the road will include a new road bridge over the Oxford Canal and structural works to create and extend culverts carrying the Clifton Brook as part of extensive flood alleviation works. The early delivery of the road makes land available for construction on two housing fronts, thereby fast-tracking the delivery of homes. Redrow has been selected as the first housebuilder on the new western edge and it has already submitted an application for 248 homes which will be ready for sale in line with the opening of the link road.