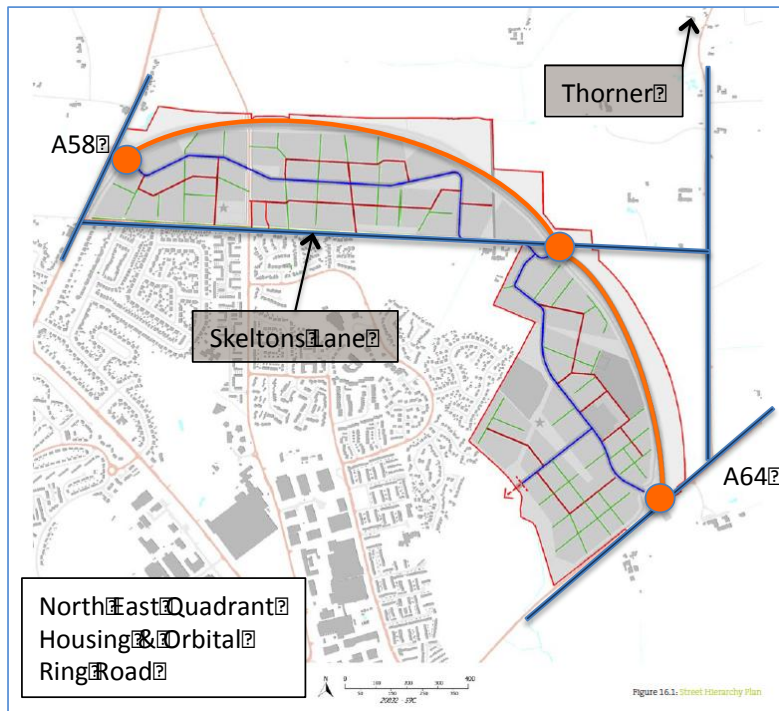


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The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Transport Fund) will now fund the East Leeds Orbital Ring Road up front. This means the road will be installed as work proceeds rather than developers waiting for adequate funding to be released by the sale of houses. It is hoped funding will be agreed in the next month or two. Councillors are due to review and approve the Business case from the beginning of February 2015.

Improvements to existing roundabouts and junctions will be taking place over the next 18 months followed by the construction of new roundabouts on the A58 and the A64 in 2016. Housing development will then probably commence in 2017 at a rate initially of about 200 houses per year.

The complete Orbital Road should be open to the open to the Public in 2021 from the Ring Road at Red Hall to the M1 at Thorpe Park. Other quadrants of land are currently subject to acquisition and Planning by other developers. Start times for these areas are not yet known.

Councillors will consider S106 details in the business case. These include funding for a new school, country park landscaping and a roof tax on each house to pay for the Orbital ring road.

During building works traffic on Skeltons Lane will be closed off, but if there are any congestion issues, can be reopened temporarily. Thorner Lane junction with the A64 will probably be closed off in the final scheme.