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No more endless queues during the rush hour!

The future looks bright for drivers with the news that a £6.5m makeover for the Black Cat roundabout will soon start.

The roundabout, near Roxton on the A1, is notorious for its lengthy tailbacks.

Central Beds Councillor Doreen Gurney, who has been campaigning to improve the roundabout and nearby roads for two years, said that changes to the Black Cat will now definitely go ahead.

The roundabout will be elongated so that it covers part of the former gravel pit.

Approaching the roundabout from the south, the road will widen from two to three lanes entering the roundabout plus an inner lane that will go directly into Roxton. The first main lane will go to the A421 to Bedford and the outer two lanes will continue around the roundabout for the A1 exit.

The southbound A1 will split into four lanes at the roundabout with the two outer lanes going to Roxton and the A421 and the inner lanes taking vehicles on to the next section of the A1.

There will be part time traffic lights at the A1 northbound and southbound junctions.

The eastern access route will be relocated to allow for the larger roundabout.