



### **All change – Midlands Highway Alliance Plus update**

Following the ratification of the MHA+ Business plan, the merger of the three highways efficiency organisations in the Midlands, the Midlands Highway Alliance, the Midlands Service Improvement Group, and the West Midlands Highway Alliance is now in full swing. The new organisation, to be known as the Midlands Highway Alliance Plus, will have around 35 local highway authority members and will aim to build on the successes of its nationally renowned predecessors. It is expected that the transition to the new organisation will take about twelve months and will include rationalising the current three websites.

One of the first projects the new organisation will take on is putting together a Webinar Week, to replace the annual conference, which cannot take place due to Covid restrictions. It will start on the 12 October and consist of five days of online presentations given by national and local speakers.

Mike Ashworth, Strategic Director of Something from Derbyshire County Council, who is chair of both MSIG and MHA was instrumental in successfully bringing the three organisations together. Having achieved this, he has announced his retirement. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

A replacement for Mike as chair for the new organisation will be elected at the next Executive Board in September 2020.

