



GRAHAM

Congleton Link Road

Construction Phase Newsletter

May 2019

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for the Congleton Link Road project.

As Principal Contractor, we aim to keep local residents, businesses, schools and all other stakeholders updated on the work we are undertaking during this project.



THE ROUTE

The route for the new link road will run to the north of Congleton, just south of Eaton. It will link the A534 Sandbach Road, near its junction with Sandy Lane, to the A536 Macclesfield Road, near its junction with Moss Lane, and provide a new crossing at the river Dane.

It will also create road connections to both the Congleton Business Park and Radnor Park Trading Estate.

SITE UPDATE

Work began on-site, at Back Lane in January 2019. Since then, pre-construction work is taking place across the scheme including:

- Archaeological work
- Fence Erection
- site clearance
- hedge translocation
- ecology works (erecting newt fencing)

The process of capturing and relocating the newts to new habitats will begin over the coming weeks. There will be a noticeable change to the landscape along the route of the project. To mitigate the impact:

- 6 new ecological ponds created
- 16km of hedgerows
- 33 hectares of new grassland
- 10 hectares of woodland and shrubs including over 380 new trees

Giantswood Lane

From 1st May 2019, traffic switched to a newly constructed carriageway between Westlow Mere and Smithy Lane, to facilitate the construction of the Giantswood Lane.

The carriageway will be controlled by traffic lights and a 10 mile per hour speed restriction will be imposed 24 hours a day. This will allow us to prepare the piling platform, with piling works beginning later in the month.

Sandy Lane

Sandy Lane will be **closed** for an initial period of 9 months, to all traffic and pedestrians. The closure will come into force on the 28th May 2019 with works planned to be completed in late February 2020. The closure will enable us to access the adjacent fields to carry out earthworks, divert drainage and construct two new roundabouts.

The decision to close Sandy Lane was not taken lightly, however safety is the priority for both members of the public and the workforce. We will endeavour to minimise any disruption caused by the closure.

SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

On Tuesday 30th April, Patsy Murphy and Dan Cawthra from the GRAHAM team were at Black Firs Primary School to talk to the pupils about road safety and the dangers of construction vehicles.

If you would like us to visit your school, contact Dan:

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BACK LANE PLAYING FIELDS

A new temporary link road has been created to join both carparks at the Back Lane playing fields providing a solution for matchday parking.

The heavy duty grass protection mesh supports a vehicle's weight, allows grass to grow through it minimising the visual impact and offers better protection for the players as opposed to a stone or tarmac road.

The mesh is easy to remove, allowing us to reinstate the playing fields back to their original state, when the works on Back Lane are completed.



OUR COMMITMENTS

- Work with our neighbours to reduce the impact our work has on local business and the community
- Ensure the traffic management system is in place and maintain a safe working environment at all times
- Monitor noise, vibration and dust to ensure they are kept within the permitted levels
- Support the local community through employment, buying from local suppliers and proactive stakeholder engagement

CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME

This site is registered under the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) and as Partners, GRAHAM is committed to improving the image of the construction industry by striving to promote and achieve best practice at all our sites under the following code:

- Enhancing the **Appearance**
- Respecting the **Community**
- Protecting the **Environment**
- Securing everyone's **Safety**
- Caring for the **Workforce**



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