

Congleton Link Road

Construction Phase Newsletter

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Keeping you up-to-date with our work on the Congleton Link Road project.

We are delighted with the progress that has been made across the entire Congleton Link Road scheme in recent months, despite the challenges in relation to COVID-19 and inclement weather conditions.

Summary of completed work:

- Completion of the new roundabout junction on Sandbach Road
- Completion of Giantswood Lane Bridge - it offers a great viewing point of the new mainline currently under construction
- Approximately 2km of the 5.7km of new carriageway being constructed has been tarmacked and the largest section of mainline has had subbase laid
- Two new pedestrian underpasses have been installed on Manchester Road
- Completion of the waterproofing works to the River Dane structure
- The riverbank erosion protection works on both sides of the River Dane accomplished

Key ongoing work:

- Following delivery and installation of the 14 pre-cast concrete bridge beams to Loach Brook Bridge, work to the bridge deck is now complete, with final concrete pours to the south side of the structure to be carried out this month.
- The Chelford road overbridge has been opened to traffic, with the realignment of the carriageway to both sides of the structure being undertaken ahead of the final surfacing works being carried out.
- Surfacing of the 87m River Dane bridge deck.

[Watch fly-through footage of the project](#)

"I would like to thank local residents for their continued patience, particularly with regards to operations such as the sheet piling on Chelford Road, which started on the 10th August."

"This work involves installing 320m linear of permanent sheet piles and is an operation that generates both noise and vibration, meaning some disturbance has been unavoidable."

Alastair Lewis, Contract Manager at GRAHAM

Council Chiefs visit Congleton Link Road

On 3rd September, the Project Team welcomed Councillor Craig Browne, Cheshire East Council Deputy Leader with responsibility for infrastructure and Sally Ann Holland, Congleton Town Mayor and Councillor for Cheshire East Council.

The site visit included a tour of the four major structures, the mainline carriageway and roundabout junctions.

Alastair Lewis, Contracts Manager said:

"It was great to be able to welcome the Mayor of Congleton and Cllr Browne to the link road site, and to show them the progress that has been made despite the issues we have faced during this turbulent year."

Cllr Holland said:

"The town council has been a big supporter of this project for many years and to see this road under construction is an uplifting experience, knowing what it means to the people of Congleton. I look forward to the opening event next year and join Cllr Browne in thanking the contractors and the community for helping to make this happen."



GRAHAM have worked tirelessly to allow the site to operate safely, ensuring the welfare of the employees, sub-contractors, supply chain partners and members of public.

Cllr Browne said:

"I am delighted to see this scheme progressing so well, particularly in light of the pandemic, which has meant that the contractors have had to take special measures to protect staff and construction workers. Despite this, we appear to be on track for an official opening in the new year – hopefully, late January. The progress made since my last visit is astonishing. I want to thank Congleton Town Council and our local communities for all the support they have given to this very important infrastructure project. Also, the contractors, Graham, for ensuring that work could continue in a safe manner."

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

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



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