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A350 Farmers Roundabout Improvement Scheme

Dyer & Butler have been awarded the works contract by Wiltshire Council to undertake the forthcoming A350 Farmers Roundabout improvements scheme and we would like to introduce ourselves. We are very much looking forward to working on this project and building relationships with the local community during our time in Melksham.

This is the first in a planned series of monthly newsletters which we hope will keep local residents and stakeholders fully informed of our progress throughout the construction phase of this key major local highway improvement scheme



Meet the Contractor

We are currently planning a “Meet the Contractor” event and this will be held as a “drop in” session on **11 February 2019 between 16:00 and 19:30hrs at Melksham Town Hall**. The ‘Meet the Contractor Event’ will provide an opportunity for all to explore our plans for Farmers Roundabout and how you can find out more on this exciting project. We would be delighted if you were able to stop by to meet with us to talk you through the project, offer you further information on how the works will be delivered, and discuss any concerns or queries you may have about the delivery phase. If you cannot make the event please contact us with any queries you may have using one of the methods listed on the second page of this newsletter.

Scheme background and objectives

A350 Farmers Roundabout has, for some time, been recognised as a critical junction which experiences high traffic volumes during peak periods causing significant queuing, delays, and unreliable journey times. The primary focus of the scheme is to address this and improve overall traffic capacity and flow at the junction.



The scheme has been designed with this objective at the heart of the project.

In order to achieve this, traffic signals will be introduced on the roundabout which will be linked with the existing signals at the Asda and A365 junctions. The controlled operation of the traffic signals will reduce conflicts when vehicles join the roundabout, and will also encourage the smooth flow of traffic to reduce the risks and impact of accidents.

In addition to the traffic signals, the scheme will also include for road widening works, drainage improvements, kerbs and splitter island enhancements, white lining and signage improvements and extensive carriageway resurfacing operations. The opportunity will also be taken to improve the general appearance of the area through the removal of weeds and overgrown vegetation.

Dyer & Butler appreciate that works such as these can be disruptive and we apologise for this. We assure you of our very best endeavours to deliver the works safely, efficiently and also minimise disruption wherever possible. We are committed to working closely with Wiltshire Council and the designers, Atkins, to ensure the works are brought forward as painlessly as possible. We have designed our temporary traffic management so as not to reduce the number of running lanes during the peak hours, and we will only introduce essential lane closures outside of these periods. We will do our best to minimise disruption however, with works of this nature some delays will be inevitable and we do ask for your understanding and patience here.

Initial planned works

We hope you have seen the advanced signage placed on site a few days ago. But if not we can confirm that **site works are scheduled to start on Monday 4 February 2019**, and we anticipate works continuing through to October 2019.

Initially we will set up our site compound and carry out works to ensure we are fully informed of local site conditions and buried Utility plant. Topsoil will be removed from the front edge of the roundabout island paying careful attention to the existing shrubs and trees to ensure we cause as little disruption to their root systems as possible. The existing carriageway will be widened into the roundabout island with new drainage and signal ducting installed that will carry cables to linking and controlling the new traffic signals, before moving to the four approaches to the roundabout.



Looking forward, the headlines of our current programme are as follows:-

- Farmers Roundabout – Early Feb to Late Spring 2019
- Western Way (Off-Peak Lane Closures, completing with a week of night closures) - Late Spring to Summer 2019
- North of Farmers Roundabout to A365 Junction – Summer to Early Autumn 2019
- Completion of Works – October 2019

Contact us

Please do contact us if you have any queries concerning the works being carried out. We are always here to listen and resolve any issues with you as soon as possible.

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Further Information

Further information on the scheme can be found at: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-improvements-a350-melksham>