

## A350 Farmers Roundabout Improvement Scheme

This is the second in our planned series of monthly newsletters to keep local residents and stakeholders fully informed of our progress throughout the construction phase of this key major local highway scheme.

### Meet the Contractor



We were delighted that our “Meet the Contractor” drop in event, which we held on 11 February 2019 at Melksham Town Hall, was well attended.

The evening gave those attending the opportunity to find out about the project, ask questions and better understand the benefits of the scheme to the local community and traffic using this strategic junction. If you could not make the event but have any questions, please do contact us by any of the methods listed at the end of this newsletter.

### Scheme Works Completed Last Month

As planned, Dyer & Butler commenced site works on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 setting out working areas, installing tree protection fencing to the roundabout island and excavating trial holes throughout the works area to ascertain locations of existing buried services.

During these early stages, the temporary traffic management signage, cones and barriers were progressively installed allowing for construction areas, storage of site materials and safety zones for workers. We have, and will continue, to modify the designs of the temporary traffic management to ensure we minimise disruption wherever and whenever possible.



Topsoil has been removed and stored for reuse from the inner island of Farmers Roundabout. This was undertaken to facilitate traffic signal system duct laying and full depth carriageway construction in the coming months which will create the new road widening areas and allow for the signalisation works that are being brought forward as part of the Farmers Roundabout Improvement Scheme.



Construction has begun on an embankment which will support the replacement footway at the southern end of Farmers Roundabout, and we are also installing a new splitter island on the southerly approach road to the junction. A new drainage ditch at the bottom of the embankment has also been excavated. The ditch construction works here will bring benefit to the local area through improvements to the highway drainage system.

The ditch clearance works are not immediately obvious to passing motorists, but these run alongside Western Way between the southern end of Farmers Roundabout

and the River Avon at Challemead Bridge. Also, following instruction / guidance from Wiltshire Council, the southern footpath of Bradford Road has been cleared of overgrown vegetation and weed growth returning the area to accessible use.

## Planned Works for the Next Month

Following the installation of new traffic signal cable ducting, full depth carriageway construction will commence to the inner ring of Farmers Roundabout. These works will include the installation of new road gullies with connections to the improved local drainage infrastructure before the carriageway construction is completed.

New kerb lines, drainage infrastructure and areas of new footway construction will be undertaken to the eastern and western side of Farmers. Construction of the new traffic islands will continue and traffic signal cable ducting will be laid. To this end, Dyer & Butler will need to undertake some night time lane closures on the feeder roads at Farmers Roundabout in the coming weeks to allow cable ducts to be excavated and installed across all of the running lanes. We appreciate that these forthcoming night works will be disruptive and we ask for your understanding and patience on this, but we will endeavour to carry out these essential operations as quickly and efficiently as safe working practices will allow.



## 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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