

A350 Farmers Roundabout Improvement Scheme

This is the third of our monthly newsletters aimed at keeping local residents and stakeholders fully informed of our progress throughout the construction phase of this key major local highway improvement scheme.

Councillor Site Visit



On the 3rd April 2019 we hosted a site visit for Melksham Town Councillors. The day proved very successful with positive communication and informal discussions centred around the works progress to date. Topics of conversation ranged from the necessity for carrying out trial hole excavations, to identifying and protecting utilities, to the efforts Dyer & Butler are making in minimising disruption to the travelling public whilst ensuring site safety for the workforce. The visiting party were able to see some areas of works which are not readily evident to traffic passing through the site.

Scheme Works Completed Last Month

Construction work has been completed on an embankment at the southern end of Farmers Roundabout, allowing the footway to be realigned and the accommodation of a new vehicle maintenance bay. New traffic signal ducting and chambers will be installed in the area leading to the implementation of a new signalised junction.

The adjacent new splitter island has been completed which will support the widening of the carriageway of Bradford Road as well as new footway construction.



New electrical installations and associated traffic signal ducting has also been installed in preparation for the signalised junction.

To the east of Farmers Roundabout, Dyer & Butler have been laying new kerb lines and constructing new footways alongside the A350 southbound carriageways.

In advance of a pre-planned three-week phase of overnight working, Dyer & Butler carried out tree and vegetation clearance work on all verges adjacent to Farmers Roundabout. This was undertaken to allow the



construction works and to improve driver visibility. During the night works, Dyer & Butler excavated and reinstated carriageway crossings on all the approach roads of Farmers Roundabout.

The works were undertaken at night to reduce traffic disruption and to afford Dyer & Butler the necessary road space to undertake the works safely and as quickly as possible. Dyer & Butler have also installed new traffic signal and electrical ducting to enable supplies to be connected to the street lights and traffic signals within the junctions, splitter islands and central island of Farmers Roundabout.

The night works also provided the opportunity to carry out verge clearance on Western Way – again to minimise disruption as much as possible. The clearance works will allow the site supervision team carry out necessary inspections and surveys to the existing kerb lines and drainage network in preparation of the ensuing works.



Planned Works for Next Month



Works will continue with the installation of the new traffic signal furniture together with the construction of new footways in and adjacent to Farmers Roundabout. Dyer & Butler are also intending to commence realignment works on the splitter islands to the North of Farmers Roundabout on the A350 and the A3102 Bradford Road - Melksham Town Centre. Roundabout widening works will recommence including the installation of new kerb lines and road drainage gullies. Works are also planned to commence on the new embankment at the southern end of Farmers Roundabout with the construction of a new drainage outfall and headwalls.

There are no planned night works during April, although lane closures to Farmers Roundabout and associated approach roads will be necessary. These works will all be undertaken outside of peak traffic flow times to avoid unnecessary disruption to traffic.

Contact us

Please 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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