A350 Farmers Roundabout Improvement Scheme

This is the sixth in our series of planned newsletters presented by Dyer & Butler to keep local residents and stakeholders fully informed of our progress throughout the construction phase of this key major local highway improvement scheme.

Programme Timetable

Dyer & Butler are pleased to advise that we have kept to a very tight works schedule and continue to remain on target for the scheme to be substantially completed during October 2019.

Following a successful road sign artwork design competition that we ran with The Manor School Melksham, the winning images have been used to create signs that are now displayed across our site.

We hope that these signs will encourage motorists using the roads in and around our site to adhere to the speed limits and therefore improve safety for all who need to use Farmers Roundabout as well as the Dyer & Butler work force.

Scheme Works Completed Last Month

Planned night-time road closures have allowed us to resurface Western Way, Farmers Roundabout & A350/A465 Bath Road junction. Approximately 19,000m² of carriageway has been planed and resurfaced. Road planings have been recycled and issued to Melksham Without Parish Council and Wiltshire Council to supplement their existing stockpiles for re-use at locations within the community and around the County such as along local by-ways.

Where possible, new permanent road markings are now in place for the revised road layout. However, we will not be able to fully complete the lining until the new traffic signals are installed, tested and commissioned. As such, temporary signage advising drivers to proceed with caution due to the temporary arrangements that are present on site.

As well as continuing with the installation of traffic signal ducting and equipment and street lighting, we have installed new bridge joints to Challymead Bridge and have supported the efforts of BT to divert their uncharted service cables outside of the area of carriageway widening on the A3102 approach to Farmers.
Dyer & Butler operatives have continued their efforts regarding the excavation & clearance of road drainage and ditches along Western Way and have placed and re-graded topsoil to the verges. The splitter island at the A365 junction has also been broken out in preparation for landscape planting.

**Planned Works for the Next Month**

Dyer & Butler staff will carry out works to widen the A3102 laying new kerbing and footways. We will also resurface the carriageways and install new line markings on A3102. These works will require a night-time road closure between the hours of 20:00 to 06:00 and a signed diversion will be in place for the duration of the closures. It is anticipated that this closure will be implemented early October 2019 over a period of 2 nights and once the exact dates have been confirmed we will be providing advanced signage.

We will be installing new road signs on and around the Farmers Roundabout and associated junctions, and continue our efforts to install the traffic signal furniture. Once this is in place there will need to be a period of testing and commissioning of the new equipment before it can be used by live traffic. We hope to have this part of the work completed by late September or early October.

The reinstatement of verges will be undertaken with seeding once the topsoil is placed and graded. A landscape planning scheme at the A365 triangular splitter island has been developed with input from and alongside Melksham Town Council, and these works should be coming forward over the next month or so.

Now that large areas of the site works have been completed, we will be laying the final tarmac surface course to the footways which were previously brought up the subsurface layers. The delay in installing the final surface ensures that we will leave the site with the best running surface possible and without unnecessary patches being laid where ducting and manholes etc. have been installed.

We will be installing vehicle maintenance bays on and around Farmers Roundabout to allow technicians to maintain and service the traffic signal infrastructure, and there will also be CCTV Survey of the new and existing drainage pipes carried out.

**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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