

Congleton Link Road

Construction Phase Newsletter

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

Great progress has been made across the entire Congleton Link Road scheme over recent weeks and we are delighted that the project will be completed in the spring, despite the challenges the Project Team have faced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Site Update

- Approximately 5km of the 5.7km of the new carriageway being constructed has been tarmacked with road foundation works to be completed on the remaining sections over the coming weeks.
- Tie in works continue on the new Manchester Road, Macclesfield Road and Holmes Chapel Road junctions.
- Loach Brook Structure – The 2m high noise barrier has been erected with kerb installation and surfacing to commence.
- Works to apply the sandstone cladding on all the major structures continues.
- The construction of the combined footpath and cycleway along the route remains ongoing.
- Works to divert power cables and the sewer on Chelford Road started 18th January, with a road closure being required for the duration of these critical operations.
- The pipework, valves, pumps and electrical supply will be installed this month for the surface water pumping station, adjacent to the Chelford Road structure.

Landscaping Works

Landscaping works commenced in October last year and we are delighted with the progress made so far across the project.

- In excess of 2000 new trees have so far been planted in the new native woodland plots.
- 7000 different species of shrubs and hedgerows planted to date.



Tree planting being undertaken in December along a section of the new mainline carriageway to create a new woodland area.

The completion of the tree and shrub planting, along with the creation of approximately 33 hectares of new grassland and 16km of new hedgerows, will help to increase biodiversity, provide an important habitat for wildlife, prevent soil erosion, reduce flooding and pollution in the years to come.

Parish Council Engagement

Since GRAHAM arrived on site in January 2019 the Project Team have built strong relationships with the local Parish Council's including Somerford Parish Council, who approached the Project Team in November last year to ask for support with relocating a Christmas tree.

Following a socially distanced meeting with Dan Cawthra (Stakeholder and Communications Officer), Councillor Geoff Bell (Chairman, Somerford Parish Council) and Dan Pollard, (Project Manager, Ray Britland Ltd) our supply chain partner for landscaping works, reviewed the community request and it was agreed there was a high risk of the Christmas tree not surviving the move. It was decided the project would supply and plant a new Norwegian Spruce tree at the location identified on Holmes Chapel Road by the Parish Council, leaving the existing tree in place.

On the 1st December 2020, the Christmas tree was planted and lit for the first time that evening giving a little joy to passing motorists, pedestrians and cyclists who use this busy route.

Cllr. Geoff Bell said, "Somerford Parish Council were very happy to accept the generous offer made by Congleton Link Road principal contractor, GRAHAM, to supply and plant a Norwegian Spruce to be used as a Christmas Tree adjacent to Somerford Bridge, at the junction of Holmes Chapel Road and Sandy Lane."

"The sight of the lit tree will doubtless provide a little cheer during the journey of many hundreds of travellers as they make their way home from work on these cold wet evenings of December."



Cllr Geoff Bell, Chairman, and Julie Mason, Clerk for Somerford Parish Council, pictured above, visited the newly planted Christmas tree ahead of it been lit for the first time that evening.

Alastair Lewis Contracts Manager said,

"I am thrilled to continue our strong relationships with the local Parish Councils including Somerford Parish Council, following the project supporting them earlier last year with their Rheads Meadow RSPB nature reserve project."

"It is a credit to the Project Team and further demonstrates GRAHAM's ongoing commitment to leave a lasting legacy in the communities we work in, including Congleton and the surrounding Areas."

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 proactive stakeholder engagement

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- Protecting the **Environment**
- Securing everyone's **Safety**
- Caring for the **Workforce**



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