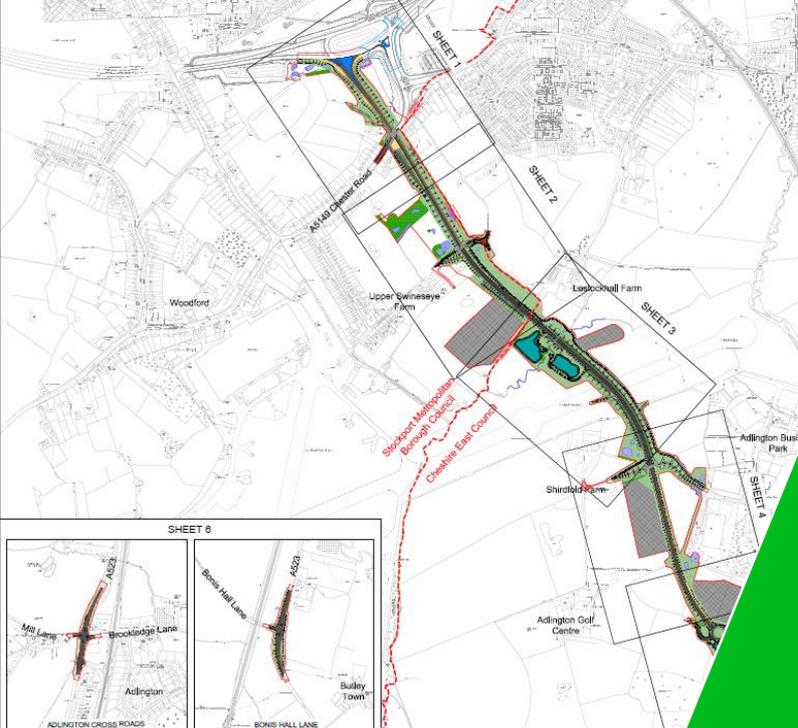


Poynton Relief Road

Construction Phase Newsletter

Issue 2



Keeping you up to date with our work on the Poynton Relief Road Project.

We are delighted with the progress of the enabling works across the entire Poynton Relief Road scheme in recent months, despite the challenges faced in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key Ongoing Works

- Construction of haul road - when completed the haul road will run the length of the new mainline carriageway and will help reduce construction traffic on local roads.
- Service diversions including gas and water.
- The erection of permanent and temporary fencing across the scheme.
- Removal of Japanese knotweed - the invasive species root system and strong growth could damage the new road foundations in the future.

Piling Works

The piling platform on the north side of Chester Road adjacent to our site compound, has been completed. It is now ready to receive the piling rig, crane and other associated equipment which will be delivered via a low loader and mobilised on the 14th January.

The construction of the piling platform involved laying and compacting 3200 tonnes of stone, to provide a stable platform for the piling rig and crane.



The piling platform on Chester Road has been completed and piling operations can now commence.

The piling operation to install the 36 concrete piles is set to commence from Monday 18th January until Friday 29th January. The piling works are critical to the construction of the new Chester Road overbridge wingwalls and abutments.

To minimise the effect of noise and vibration on our neighbours, we have condensed the programme for these works and opted to install CFA piles. These piles are installed using a specialised piling rig, which rotates a hollow stem auger into the ground to the specified depth. Concrete is then pumped through the hollow stem to fill the cavity to create the foundation, an operation that causes both noise and vibration, which means some disturbance is unavoidable.

We would therefore like to thank our neighbours, particularly the residents of Chester Road for their patience and cooperation whilst we undertake these crucial works.

Macclesfield MP & Council Chiefs Visit

On 11th December, the Poynton Relief Road Project Team welcomed Councillor Craig Browne, Cheshire East Council Deputy Leader with responsibility for infrastructure and Macclesfield MP David Rutley, for a tour of the site to see first-hand the progress of the enabling works.

The visit included a presentation on the scheme by our Contracts Manager Alastair Lewis, followed by a tour of the Piling platform on Chester Road and concluded with a walk along a section of the newly constructed haul road, which when completed will run the entire length of the new mainline carriageway.

Alastair Lewis, Contracts Manager said:

“It was great to be able to welcome the MP for Macclesfield and Cllr Browne to the Poynton Relief Road site and to show them the great progress that has been made with the enabling works, despite the issues we have faced during this turbulent year.”

“Despite the challenges this year’s circumstances have brought to the project, our team has worked tirelessly with the council and our stakeholders to ensure this much-needed scheme continues to progress positively. Once complete, the Poynton Relief Road will provide a significant boost of economic and social regeneration to the north of Cheshire East.”

Macclesfield MP David Rutley said:

“It was good to see the positive progress that is being made at the start of this important infrastructure project and to learn more about the detailed plans for the months ahead.”

“This is very good news for the people of Poynton, as the long-awaited relief road will help to significantly tackle traffic congestion and enhance air quality in the village. I will continue to keep close to progress on the scheme as it is developed, working with Cheshire East Council and the contractors, GRAHAM.”

“When it is completed, the road will not only improve the lives of local residents but also support local economic development plans – the new project is very welcome.”



The site visit included a walk along the new haul road which will run the length of the new mainline, reducing construction traffic on local roads.

Councillor Craig Browne said:

“It is exciting to see the work under way and really starting to take shape on the long-awaited Poynton Relief Road. The council views this project as a key part of our major infrastructure plans to really improve connectivity across the whole borough.”

“This new road will not only cut the long-standing problems of congestion and pollution in Poynton but also greatly improve access to Macclesfield and other key strategic sites to the A555 and on to Manchester Airport, supporting jobs, education and the visitor economy.”

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 employment, buying from local suppliers and proactive stakeholder engagement

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