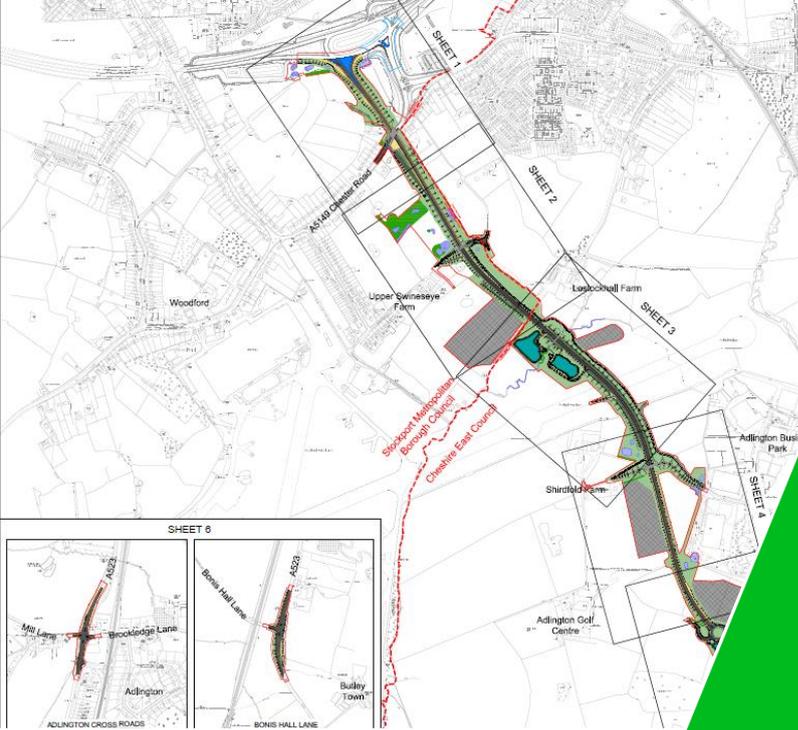


Poynton Relief Road

Construction Phase Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for the Poynton Relief Road project

As principal contractor we aim to keep local residents, businesses, schools and all other stakeholders updated on the works we undertake during the scheme.

The Route

The Poynton Relief Road will be a 3km standard single carriageway road, with a 3.5m wide combined cycle and footway running from Chester Road to the southern tie-in on London Road.

The northern end of the route will connect to the A555 junction on the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road. The route will then pass under the A5149 Chester Road to the west of Poynton and will continue in a southerly direction crossing the Woodford Aerodrome runway.

There are three new bridge structures along the route. At Chester Road a new underbridge allows the new relief road to pass underneath the existing carriageway. Two accommodation bridges will be for farm access, walking, cycling and equestrian purposes.

At the southern end of the scheme, the route will pass to the west of Adlington Business Park before connecting to a new roundabout junction to the west of the Adlington Travelodge hotel. Links from the new roundabout will allow the relief road to connect to the A523 London Road and Adlington Golf Centre.

Enabling Works

May 2020

- Ground investigation works completed

Aug 2020

- The project team mobilised and established our initial site compound on Chester Road

Sept 2020

- Archaeological investigations and photographic surveys carried out
- Environmental mitigation works for Great Crested Newts and bats began

Currently Underway

- Site clearance
- Erection of boundary fencing
- Construction of the new haul road that will run the length of the scheme and involves laying and compacting 9,000 tons of stone.



The erection of permanent and temporary fencing will secure the site boundary, with works expected to be complete late October.

Caring for the environment

We are committed to environmental sustainability and passionate about managing ecological issues on all our projects and playing our role in reducing carbon emissions and operating in an environmentally sustainable manner.

We strive for the most efficient use of energy, reducing waste, recycling materials, using materials from sustainable sources and keeping pollutants, noise and dust to a minimum.

We will spend several months carrying out ecological works, ahead of the ground works starting early next year.

Our team of qualified ecologists have finished monitoring, capturing and relocating the Great Crested Newts and other species to new ponds and habitats which are currently being created as part of the scheme.

Great Crested Newts, their eggs, breeding sites and resting places are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 and European law, due to the enormous decline in numbers over the last century.



Specialist Great Crested Newt fencing has been erected to aid our ecologists to capture and relocate the animals to their newly created habitats.



Did you know that individual Great Crested Newts can be identified by looking at their bellies, as the pattern of black spots they each sport is as unique as a fingerprint?



One of several Great Crested Newts captured over recent weeks by our qualified ecologists ahead of been relocated to their new home.

Alastair Lewis, our Contracts Manager said:

“It is great to see the enabling and ecology works progressing well on the scheme, in preparation for the main work activities starting early next year.

“It is important to work hard to add to the biodiversity in the areas we work and hopefully, thanks to the creation of the new habitats, the Great Crested Newts and other wildlife will thrive in their new homes.

“The Poynton Relief Road will provide vast benefits to the Poynton and Macclesfield areas and will be the latest in a number of important transport infrastructure schemes we have been proud to deliver in recent years.”

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



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