

Safety at roadworks

If you do have to drive through roadworks, please take extra care.



- Keep to the speed limit – it's there for your safety
- Get into the correct lane in good time – don't keep switching
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not on the roadworks
- Be alert for works traffic leaving or entering roadworks
- Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front
- Observe all signs – they're there to help you

Remember that tiredness can kill. Take regular breaks from driving.

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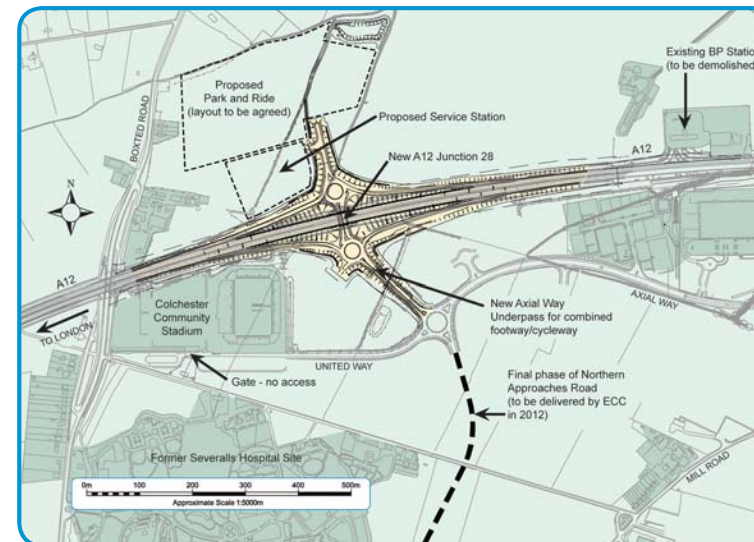
Project Progress 1

June 2010

Welcome to this newsletter on the progress on the new A12 junction.

Work to construct the new junction between junctions 27 and 29 of the A12 started in December 2009 and is scheduled for completion in March 2011.

The new junction will serve an area of redevelopment land to the south of the A12 in the vicinity of Weston Homes Community Stadium, enabling the development of residential areas and other mixed uses. It will form a direct link between the A12 and the new Northern Approaches Road, and serve the relocated BP Services and the proposed Park and Ride.



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Construction update

Advanced works

In December, we cleared the vegetation from the site and removed the top soil for future use.

Works to date

So far in the schedule of works we have:

- formed all new drainage ditches.
- excavated the attenuation pond.
- completed earthworks operations for the northern and southern slip roads.
- raised the ground level either side of the A12 for the proposed bridge.
- completed the piled foundations for the bridge.
- completed the concrete column extensions.
- completed 80% of the concrete works for the pedestrian underpass.





Next stage of Works

The next major step in the schedule of works for the A12 is the bridge beam lifts. This will be carried out over two nights on Saturday 17 July 2010 and Sunday 18 July 2010 dependant on weather conditions. The work will involve:

- lifting in all the beams required for the bridge.
- placing the permanent falsework between the beams, which will enable works to continue without disrupting the traffic.

A12 closures

To carry out the bridge beam lifts safely, the A12 will be closed from junctions 27 to 29 in both directions overnight from:

- 9.00pm Saturday 17 July 2010 to 5.30am Sunday 18 July 2010.
- 9.00pm Sunday 18 July 2010 to 5.30am Monday 19 July 2010.

The beam lifts may be affected by adverse weather conditions and night closures have been reserved for the following weekend as a contingency plan:

- 9.00pm Saturday 24 July 2010 to 5.30am Sunday 25 July 2010.
- 9.00pm Sunday 25 July 2010 to 5.30am Monday 26 July 2010.

Advanced warning signs of these closures will be in place a minimum of two weeks prior to the works.

To carry out the works safely the following diversions will be in place:

- traffic travelling from A12 northbound or A120 eastbound will be diverted onto A133 eastbound carriageway via Spring Lane roundabout onto Cymbeline Way, to follow Colne Bank Avenue and Cowdray Avenue. Traffic will then be diverted onto A1232 Ipswich Road, where they will exit at the Ardleigh Crown Interchange to rejoin the A12 northbound or the A120 eastbound carriageways.
- traffic travelling from A1124 Halstead Road north of A12 junction 26 wanting to travel northbound on the A12 will be diverted onto A1124 Essex Yeomanry Way, then onto A1124 London Road to continue on the A133 via Spring Lane Roundabout, Cymbeline Way, Colne Bank Avenue and Cowdray Avenue. Traffic will then be diverted onto A1232 Ipswich Road and exit at Ardleigh Crown Interchange to rejoin the A12 northbound or the A120 eastbound carriageways.
- traffic travelling south on the A12, A120 westbound and A1232 northbound Ipswich Road wishing to travel southbound on the A12 will be diverted at Ardleigh Crown Interchange and onto A1232 southbound Ipswich Road. They will then be diverted onto the A133 westbound Cowdray Avenue, Colne Bank Avenue and onto Cymbeline Way to exit at A12 junction 27 via Spring Lane roundabout to rejoin the A12 southbound carriageway.

Community engagements

Primary schools

Staff from Carillion's project team will be visiting Bishop William Ward Church of England and Brinkley Grove Primary schools to give a safety presentation with regards to the dangers of playing near construction sites. They will also be showing the children the scope of works being undertaken on the A12 and invite them to participate in designing posters of bridges. The winning designs will be copied onto the protective sheeting that will cover the bridge during construction.



Secondary school

Chris Manning Project Manager, Carillion has been working with the careers team and Kesgrave High School in Ipswich to raise awareness of the Engineering Industry. Chris arranged for a student to visit the works site for the day, enabling the student to get hands on knowledge and understanding of Civil Engineering. This has encouraged the student to research Civil Engineering degrees as an option after leaving secondary education.

Chris received a Carillion's Value award for his time and commitment spent engaging with the careers team and Kesgrave High School.

Dates for your diary

Dates	Event	Impact
Saturday 17 July 2010	Bridge Beam Lift	Overnight Full Closure of A12 - between junctions 27 to 29 - both carriageways
Sunday 18 July 2010	Bridge Beam Lift	Overnight Full Closure of A12 - between junctions 27 to 29 - both carriageways
Saturday 24 July 2010	Contingency Plan date reserved	Overnight Full Closure of A12 - between junctions 27 to 29 - both carriageways
Sunday 25 July 2010	Contingency Plan date reserved	Overnight Full Closure of A12 - between junctions 27 to 29 - both carriageways
Saturday 2 October 2010	Removal of temporary Works from the sides of the bridge	Overnight Full Closure of A12 - between junctions 27 to 29 - both carriageways
Sunday 3 October 2010	Removal of temporary Works from the sides of the bridge	Overnight Full Closure of A12 - between junctions 27 to 29 - both carriageways