A380 South Devon Link Road

Welcome to the May edition of the monthly bulletin.

As we move into early summer we continue to make good progress along the site and are confident of being completed by December this year. The new bridge at Maddacombe Road, structure 13, is now open to traffic, allowing us to excavate the final section of limestone in that area. Some of the stone we recover will be used as cladding on the new bridge, a good example of the project’s policy of using local resources wherever possible.

Next month will see the opening of structure 14, the second bridge in this section, at Yon Street. Both these bridges will carry local traffic across the new dual carriageway in the final configuration.

On the A380 near Aller we have now completed the final section of structure 8. Together with structure 9 this forms an 850m-long concrete wall adjacent to the railway. Soon we will be able to realign traffic towards this new wall between Hanson’s Quarry and Sainsbury’s.

One major event will affect traffic patterns this month - the temporary closure of Aller Brake Road at its junction with the A380. This closure, which is expected to last 11 weeks, can now be undertaken after the construction of a new exit at the top of Aller Brake Road for traffic to and from Newton Abbot. The closure is required to carry out essential works: tying in the road levels; continuing the construction of the barrier and wall adjacent to the A380 at the bottom of Aller Brake Road; and to increase drainage capacity in the area.

Once the works are completed, traffic will be able to travel to and from the Torquay direction along the new Aller Link Road and join the A380 near Hanson’s Quarry. Traffic will also be able to enter the Aller estate along this new road. We apologise for the inconvenience this temporary closure will cause, especially to those wishing to travel between Aller and Torquay, but the works are critical to the overall project.

Elsewhere, the Decoy Link Road project is progressing well and is on schedule to reopen later this month.

Below is a list of some of the work scheduled for the next few weeks. As much of the construction programme is weather-dependent, this is subject to revision. For the latest news updates please refer to our website. Where appropriate we have included the ‘S’ numbers for structures along the project. A complete structures list can be found on the South Devon Link Road website http://southdevonlinkroad.co.uk/structure-numbers

April commenced / completed works

- Drainage works on southbound carriageway near Addison Road commenced.
- Final section of concrete wall at Aller poured (S8).
- Removal of existing wall on A380 near Barn Owl completed.

May / June planned works

- Works on Penn Inn Flyover to continue (S02).
- Construction of south ramp at Penn Inn to continue (S03).
- Drainage excavations along sections of existing A380 to continue.
- Finishing works to bank on A380 adjacent to Addison Road to continue.
- Construction of parking bays on Addison Road to continue.
- Combined cycle way and footpath between Addison Road and Aller Brake Road to open.
- Traffic realignments on existing A380 to continue.
- Finishing works on retaining wall at Aller, adjacent to the railway, to continue (S08).
- Temporary closure of Aller Brake Road to commence.
- Construction of Aller Link Road behind new retaining wall to continue.
- Pedestrian footpath to open on new Aller Link Road.
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- Drainage works on Aller Railway Tunnel and Aller Road Overline Bridge to continue (S10, S11).
- Surfacing works on southbound off-slip near Aller Railway Tunnel and Aller Roundabout to commence.
- Aller roundabout drainage works to continue.

South Section – The Barn Owl to Hamelin Way

April commenced / completed works
- Tie-in works and weekend road closures during April, to Maddacombe Road completed.
- Traffic switch onto new Maddacombe Road Overbridge completed (S13).
- Removal of remaining limestone plug at existing Maddacombe Road commenced.
- Surfacing along south section commenced.

May / June planned works
- Main earthworks excavations north and south of Maddacombe Road to continue.
- Stone cladding on Maddacombe Road Overbridge to continue (S13).
- Reinforced concrete works at Yon Street Overbridge to continue (S14).
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- Yon Street Overbridge to open to local traffic (S14).
- Reinforced concrete works at Gas Main Structure to continue (S36).
- Cement stabilisation and foundation layer on south section near Hamelin Way to continue.
- Reinforced concrete works at Edginswell Lane Underbridge to continue.
- Drainage works to continue along entire south section.
- Kerb drainage to continue along south section.
- Pavement construction along south section to commence.
- Enabling works near Kerswell Gardens roundabout to commence.

Community Liaison Group

The Community Liaison Group meets regularly at the project site office in Kingskerswell. The majority of the group comprises residents, with representatives from Torbay Council, Devon County Council and Galliford Try.

Group members can ask questions on your behalf about aspects of the construction of the road. If you would like to get in touch with the representative for your area, their contact details can be found by going to our website at www.southdevonlinkroad.co.uk/community-liaison-group

Communications

For the second year running, the project has been awarded Silver Status in the prestigious Considerate Constructors Scheme awards. Held in London last month, the awards judge construction projects on appearance, respect for the community, protection of the environment, securing safety and valuing their workforce. To receive this in successive years is an outstanding achievement and reflects the professionalism of the entire construction team.

The Galliford Try public liaison team Tracey Waygood and Patrick Beasley can be contacted on 01626 357729 or 01626 233019 or by email at: A380.SDLR@gallifordtry.co.uk

For information such as planned roadworks or overnight operations please look at our website. Our latest video fly-through will soon be available to see in our Features section. Created by Torquay couple Barrie and Sylvia James it will give you an updated behind-the-scenes view of how the project is progressing. These and other features can be accessed here www.southdevonlinkroad.co.uk

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The total cost of the South Devon Link Road is estimated to be £110m. The Department for Transport has paid £76.39m towards the project. The balance is being shared equally between Torbay Council and Devon County Council, with Teignbridge District Council making a £500k contribution.