

M5 Junction 25 Improvement Scheme

Newsletter: May 2019

Welcome to the second M5 Junction 25 newsletter from Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd – the Principal Contractor for this major improvement scheme by Somerset County Council to improve traffic flow, ease congestion and unlock land for employment.

You can read more about the scheme's objectives at www.travelsomerset.co.uk/J25.

Progress so far

We have been busy with pre-commencement works and so far the majority of this has taken place off line, with site clearance and ecological surveying continuing.



Advance clearance work along the Henlade stream

We are committed to working responsibly and that means working closely with expert ecologists to minimise our impact on the environment as much as possible.

During March we took the opportunity presented by Somerset County Council to dig trial holes and carry out ground radar surveys along the Toneway while it was closed for night-time resurfacing works.

Site compounds have been set up within the Gateway Park & Ride and site safety barriers erected. We will be locating our administrative functions in offices at the Tarmac Henlade works.

What's happening?

The main construction programme is now underway and over the next few weeks, offline works will include the demolition of the old farm buildings and asbestos clearance.

We will continue to erect temporary site buildings and accommodation units for our operatives within the Cambria Farm site.



Old farm buildings that will be demolished

What's happening cont.

You'll also start to see heavy machinery arriving near Junction 25 as we begin earthworks near the Gateway Park & Ride area and working our way towards the Black Brook in preparation for a new link road.

The first online works will start week commencing Sunday 19 May as we begin creating extra capacity around the Junction 25 gyratory (adding an extra lane).



Earthworks underway at the Park and Ride site

This will consist of earthworks, drainage and ducting for services, along with surfacing. To minimise disruption these works will be carried out at night from 9pm to 6am, Sunday to Friday, with one lane maintained to running traffic on the roundabout and on all approaches/exits. Please plan your journeys carefully if travelling between these times. All lanes will be reopened during the daytime.

Find out more

As the scheme progresses we'll be working dynamically to make the most of opportunities and resources to carry out the works as quickly and with as little disruption as possible to traffic, residents and businesses.

This does mean plans may sometimes change at short notice but we'll do our best to provide advance notice of works which will impact on your journey and keep you updated through these newsletters, the www.travelsomerset.co.uk/J25 webpage and the @TravelSomerset Twitter account.

Our Public Information Centre will open at the Gateway Park & Ride site on Tuesday 14 May between 13.30pm and 15.30pm and will be open each Tuesday between these times, unless otherwise publicised. Please pop in to meet our Public Liaison Officer Rosemarie Harrod and find out more about the scheme.

As part of our community engagement we would be happy to mention your upcoming community events in our newsletters, so do get in touch!

In the meantime, if you have a question about the scheme please check out the dedicated Junction 25 webpage at www.travelsomerset.co.uk/J25 or get in touch using the details below.



We would be pleased to hear your comments.

You can get in touch via our web site community.alungriffiths.co.uk or by contacting Rosemarie Harrod on 0330 041 2184* or M5J25@alungriffiths.co.uk
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