

## Toneway- Creech Castle Junction Scheme September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

As the Main Contractor working on the M5 Junction 25 Project, we are now assisting Somerset County Council with preliminary work ahead of the Toneway – Creech Castle Junction Improvement Scheme. We are writing to you regarding this work, which is due to start on the **7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

As you will be aware, the Toneway - Creech Castle Junction is currently over capacity with frequent queuing, particularly at peak times. The improvement works are designed to widen the dual carriageway and upgrade the traffic signals to increase the junction's capacity and reduce delays for drivers. The project will also improve cycling and walking links in the area.

Work was initially planned to start in April; however, this was postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak. It was then agreed to delay the scheme until summer 2021 to support the local economy as it recovers post lockdown. This remains the case, but we are currently aiming to bring forward some of the advanced works to improve pedestrian and walking facilities on the north and south route along the A38 Bridgwater Road. The improvements will provide wider footways and off-road cycleways which will help non-motorised users maintain social distancing.

**From the 7<sup>th</sup> September until Christmas 2020 the works will consist of: -**

- **Widening of the footway along the A38 north of the junction for a length of approximately 500m.**
- **Provision of off road and on road cycleways, including the provision of a new Toucan Crossing**
- **Provision of associated lighting and way-finding signs**
- **Carriageway Surfacing**

To ensure the safety of our workforce, works will be carried out in designated working zones with traffic management. Temporary traffic lights will be used to maintain traffic flows along the A38/Bridgwater Road North.

The existing pedestrian crossing point will be maintained and controlled via temporary pedestrian traffic lights. Access to both residential and commercial properties will be maintained at all times.

The works will progress in phases, with each phase completed and re-opened prior to works commencing on next. Over page, Figure 1 details Phase 1 and Fig 2 details Phase 2. The main carriageway surfacing will be carried out under a series of night-time road closures. Advance notification will be provided prior to these closures and a diversion route will be clearly signposted. During the work, the existing bus stop will be temporarily relocated outside of our working area and all bus services will continue to operate as usual.

Prior to the main Toneway - Creech Castle Project starting, we will be working with Somerset County Council to deliver improvements to **Hyde Lane**. In recent years Hyde Lane has been subject to flooding and subsidence. We will be installing additional drainage and a new improved carriageway surface to address these issues. This will ensure disruption is minimised during the main work to the Toneway - Creech Castle. To carry out this important work, **Hyde Lane will be closed from 7th September 2020 for 4 weeks from the turn at Hyde Lane Cottages for approximately 200m**. Diversion signage will be in place.

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Fig 1.

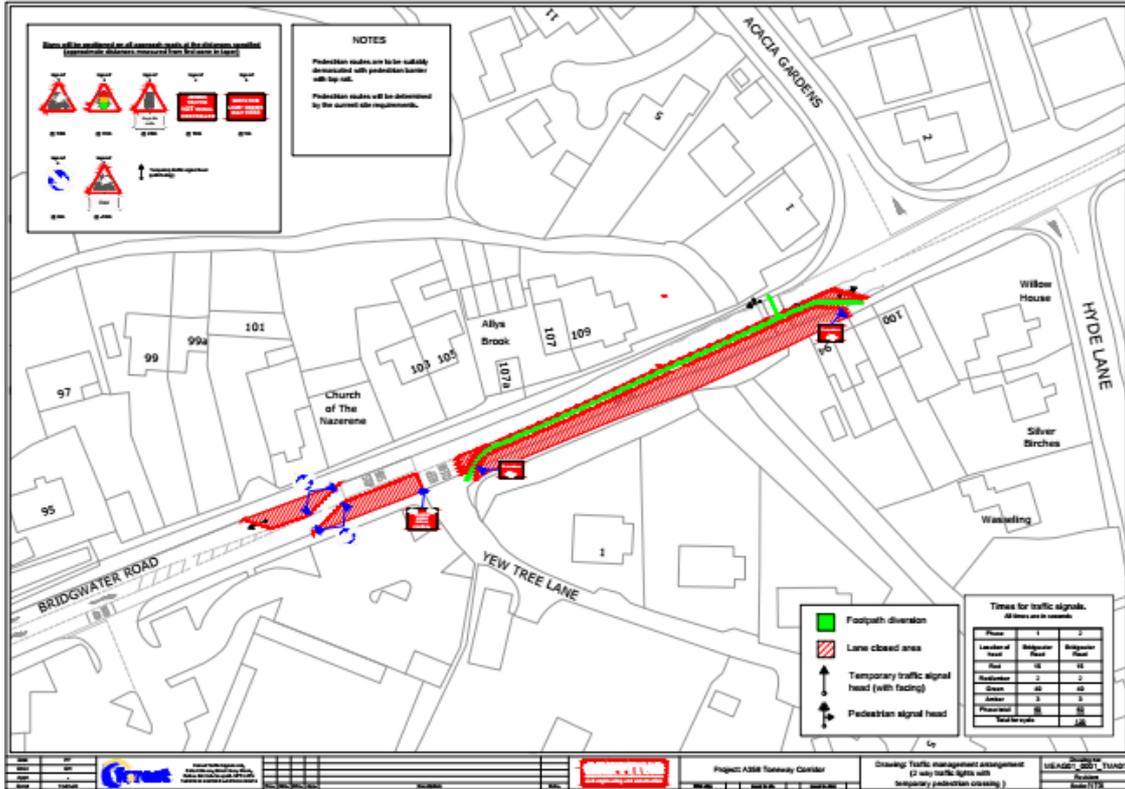


Fig 2

