

A429 Hullavington Link Road Newsletter 5 (December 2020)

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Progress Made

The Link Road is being constructed in three sections:

Road 1 – is from the A429 tie in area and the construction of the new A429 roundabout and the long straight section to the west.

Road 2 – is the section tying into Hullavington Road to the west and approaching the new Hullavington Road Roundabout.

Road 3 – is the construction of the Hullavington Road Roundabout and arms off it to facilitate entrance to the Dyson Campus and MOD site.

Road 1

3-way temporary traffic lights were set up on the A429 on 2nd November to enable works to be carried out up to and including the A429.

These works incorporated the excavation, installation of drainage, installation sub-base courses. All kerbing within this area of works has now been completed until the switch over of traffic within the next phase.

Good progress had been made in this area. However, we have had some technical and engineering issues. On the 9th and 24th November, we had two separate incidents with water mains leakage causing flooding in areas already excavated and partially constructed. Each time the area had to be left to dry out. We then had to excavate any sections of construction that had been damaged by the water. These areas were then re-constructed and re-compacted. We then had to undertake further additional compression testing to ensure the compaction of the carriageway construction had reached the required levels as previously. This has now been achieved, but our programme in this area has consequently been set back. The photo below shows one such leak we had to overcome.



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Progress - Continued

Adverse weather has not assisted the recovery, but the photo below shows we have reinstated the subbase to the road area.

Constant communication with Wessex Water is currently being held so that they can attend site to carry out a watching brief whilst works are ongoing in and around the water main.



Road 2

The strip alongside the Hullavington Road was carried out under the control of 2-way temporary traffic lights (TTL's). This has allowed us to construct headwalls. Headwalls provide much needed protection to drainage pipes and outlets discharging water into rivers, swales (man-made ditches), ponds and ditches. A suitable headwall will protect the area surrounding the culvert from erosion whilst retaining the embankment. As a result this increases the efficiency and longevity. Also, installation of sub base layers in this section and works in the verge is virtually complete.

Road 3

We have constructed a temporary surface entrance into the Dyson campus. Also, works commenced on the land adjacent to the MOD road to enable the excavation, installation of drainage and adding sub-base courses. These is being carried out within a set of 2-way temporary traffic lights.

Below photos show kerbing on Road 1 and 3



A429 Traffic Management (TM) – December / January

As a consequence of the water mains leakage incidents in November described earlier and the reconstruction and testing of the area, the programme has been delayed meaning the duration of the **3-way temporary traffic lights (TTL's) on the A429 have had to be extended**. Following discussions with Wiltshire Highways these lights may need to be extended through until February 2021, when we are ready to begin tying the new roundabout into the A429.

Griffiths are currently developing TM / Phasing Plans for the remaining works. These include night-time road closures for tie-in works (early 2021). Further information shall be broadcast on this detail closer to the time.

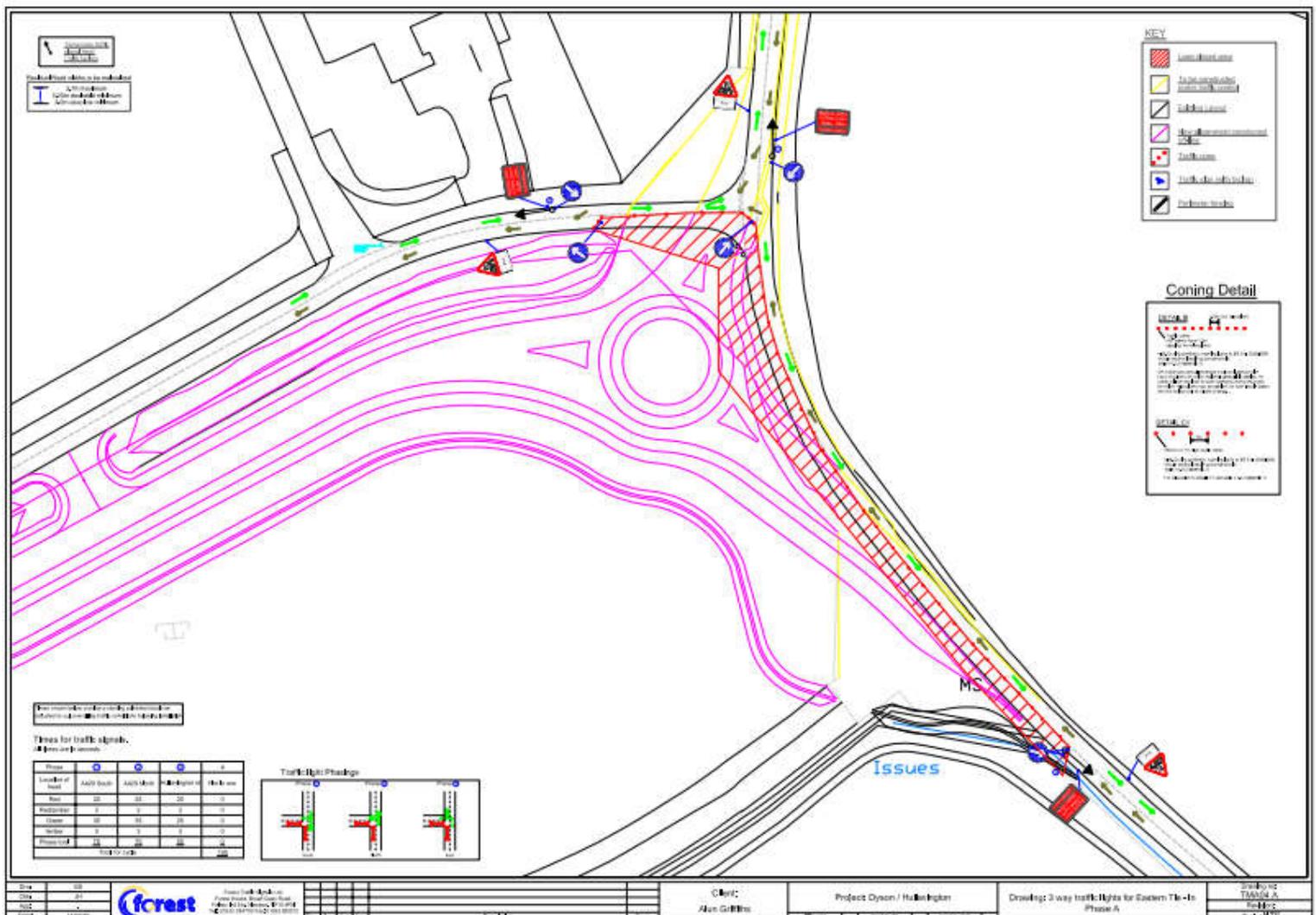
With groundwork incomplete in the immediate vicinity to the bend on the A429 it would be unsafe to now remove the TM at this location over the Christmas holiday period.

The TTL's are **manned during peak time hours** to facilitate priority to traffic volumes. They will be **unmanned during the Christmas Holiday period**. To date, we have had no complaints regarding the TTL's, and the sequencing seems to be well regulated.

Should there be any malfunction of the TTL's over the holiday period on the A429, the 24hr call out number that will be in operation is our TM contractors 'Forest' – **0800 328 5250** (This number will also be advertised on 3 additional signs we are having manufactured and these will be positioned alongside each traffic light head).

The TM Drawing below is also available on our [webpage LINK](#). The pink area is the roundabout under construction and our works safety area reducing road capacity for traffic until complete.

Existing Traffic Management (TM) Plan A429



Upcoming Works – January 2021

In summary the construction work planned for January is as follows;

- Preparing the A429 roundabout and Hullavington roundabout to be ready for tarmac.
- Adding Base course and binder course to A429 roundabout and Hullavington roundabout.
- Swap A429 traffic onto A429 roundabout section, still within 3-way lights until roundabout fully completed.
- Continue excavation of swales (man-made ditches) alongside Roads 1 and 3.
- Continue work to protect utilities.
- Continue drainage on Dyson Campus road within 2-way lights.
- Continue works to tie-in MOD road.
- Close existing MOD road and swap MOD traffic through site.
- Connection of drainage between Roads 2 and 3 crossing existing MOD road.

Health & Safety

At Griffiths we pride ourselves on our safety record.

Our Traffic Management sub-contractors deploy and maintain all signage and TTL's on the road in accordance with approved regulated signage. We listen to feedback from the public and respond by considering further signage as appropriate and necessary. We did this recently on Hullavington Road adding signage where barriers narrowed the road slightly.

All visitors receive a site induction, and the workforce are regularly briefed regarding daily work through toolbox talks from the Works Manager. We have had 89 inductions so far on this site.

Everyone who enters site must carry a Construction Skills Certification Scheme Card (CSCS).

We have regular Health and Safety inspections and our Health and Safety Manager pays unscheduled visits. Everybody on site has direct authority from our Directors to stop any activity that they believe cannot be carried out safely and bring it to the attention of management to correct the situation. This gives everyone a personal commitment towards safety on site. To date, we have had Zero accidents on site.

In addition, during the Coronavirus Pandemic we have put in place additional policies and protocols in accordance with the attached video covering all Griffiths sites.

<https://twitter.com/AlunGriffiths/status/1271092994465300481?s=20>

Griffiths Safety Mascot

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Construction Christmas Shut Down

End of the day Friday 18th December, returning Monday 4th January 2021.

Only essential Traffic Management will be in place and will be monitored throughout the holiday period.

Thank you for your continued patience and apologies for any inconvenience.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL AT GRIFFITHS