

North Devon Link Road (NDLR) (Portmore to Bourners Bridge) Newsletter 1 (February 2021)

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Introduction

Griffiths has been appointed by Devon County Council to construct a series of improvements on the A361 North Devon Link Road (NDLR) between Portmore and Bourners Bridge.

Griffiths is a leading regional Civil Engineering contractor with a track record stretching back over fifty years. We construct new roads, bridges, railways, and maintain existing assets for both public and private clients.

We are not new to working in the area having successfully delivered recent projects for Devon County Council at the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension creating a new slip road off the A361, the Portmore Roundabout in Barnstaple that served to widen the approaches and egress in all directions to and from the roundabout. Additionally, at Westway Junction, Barnstaple the construction of a roundabout providing additional capacity and incorporating pedestrian and cycle facilities at the junction.

Official Hand Over to Contractor



This photo shows the symbolic turf cutting ceremony, much reduced due to Covid restrictions. This is the point where the client hands over to the contractor.

In the photo is DCC Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Development and Waste, Councillor Andrea Davis.



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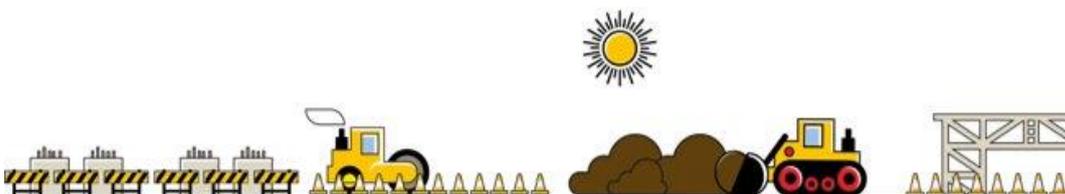
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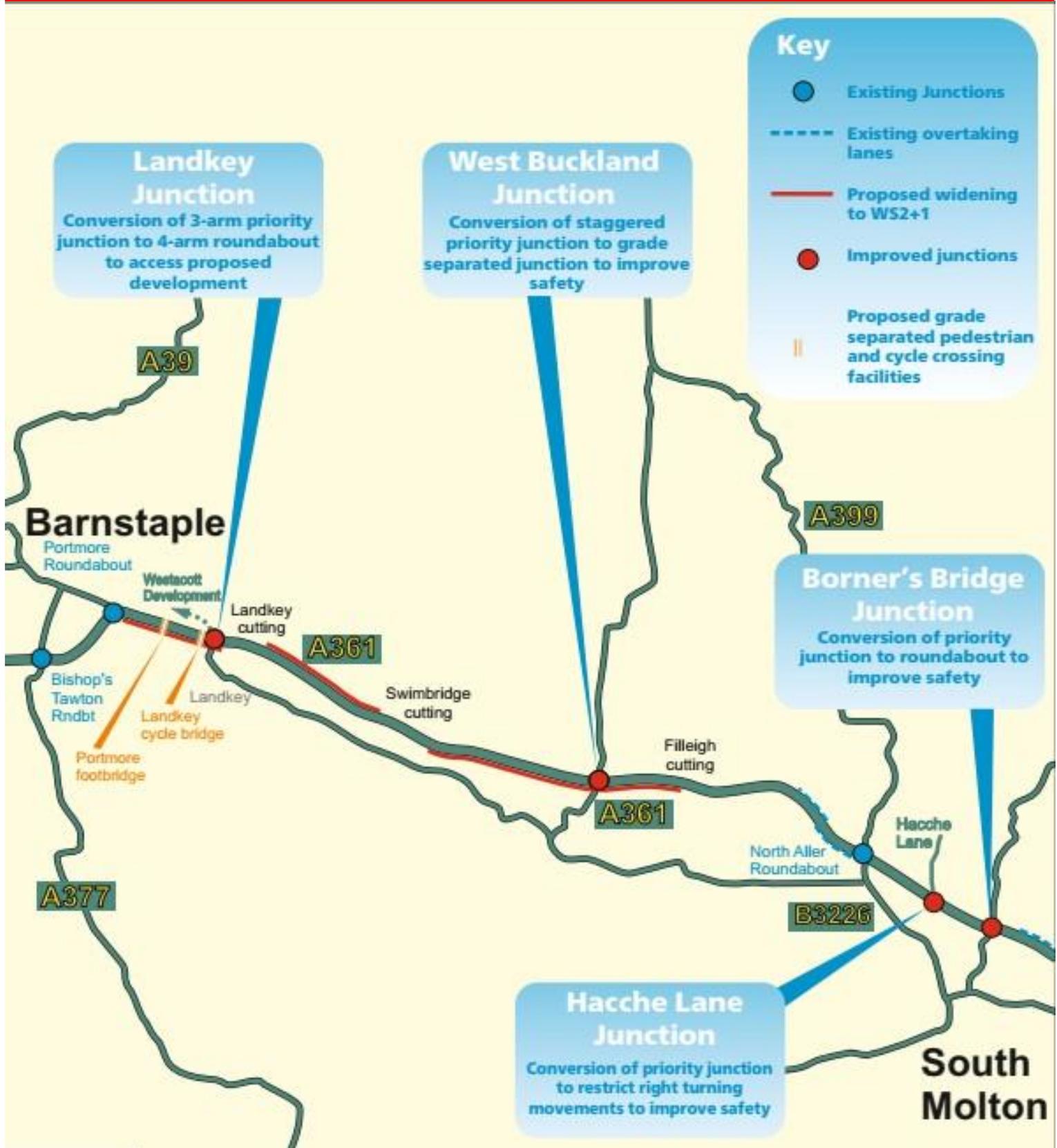
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Benefits of The Link Road Design

The project once completed, will not only benefit regional travel, but it is also expected to increase cross-country connectivity by improving people's ability to travel into and out of the South West. This is a major investment to improve traffic flow and ease peak hour congestion at the NDLR. The wider carriageway will improve road safety with safer overtaking opportunities. The improvements will benefit the economy in northern Devon by supporting the delivery of employment and residential and business development. Improvements will include provision of safe cycling and pedestrian facilities.

Project Details

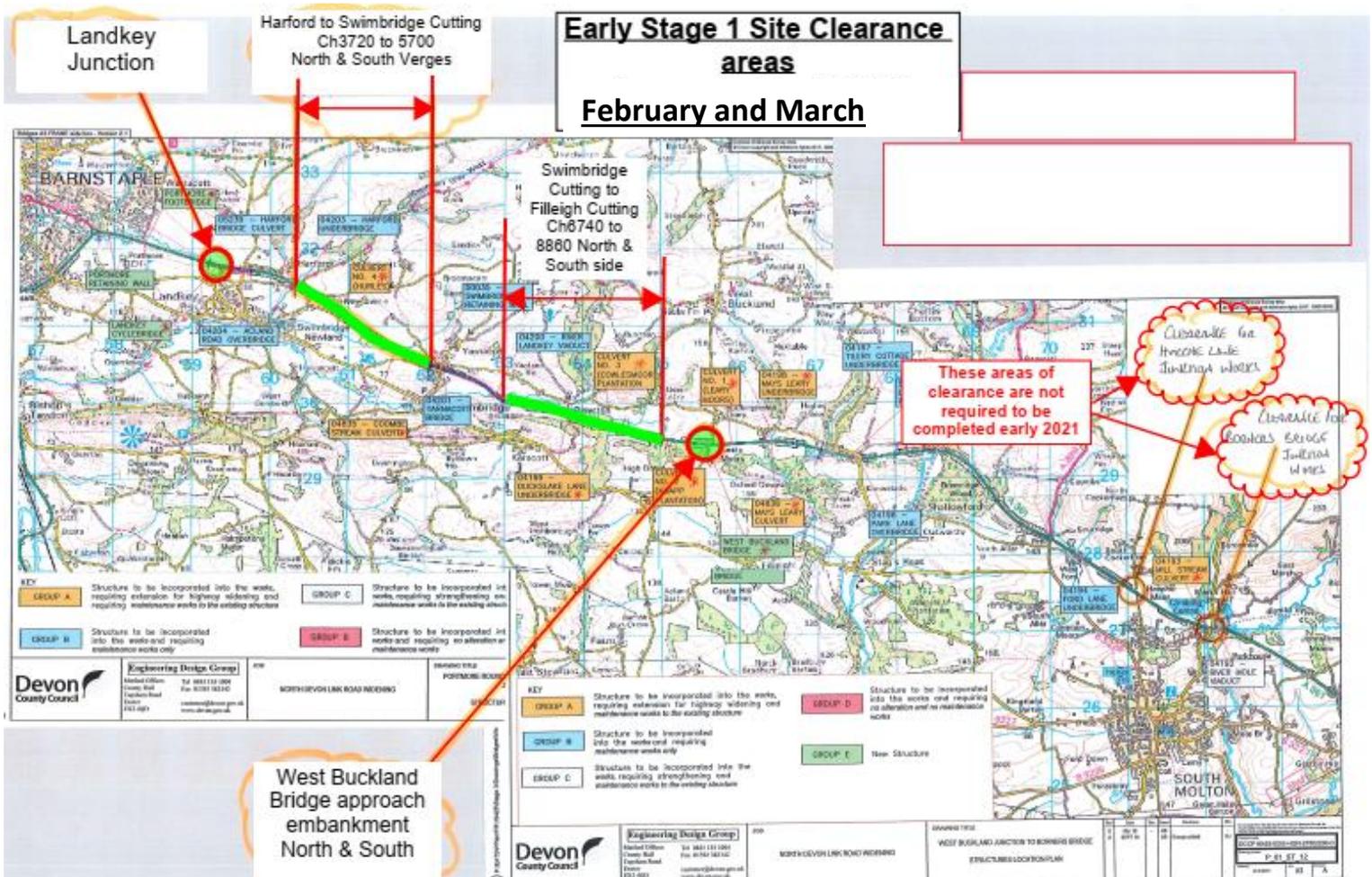
Griffiths will deliver the section of works on a 4.8 mile stretch between **Portmore Roundabout to Borner's Bridge Junction** comprising several sections of road widening between Portmore Roundabout and Filleigh Cutting (indicated in red on the plan). The route will be modernised with a wider carriageway, which will greatly improve overtaking opportunities, safety, and resilience.

The road's capacity and 4 key junctions to the A361 will be upgraded at Borner's Bridge, Hacche Lane, West Buckland and Landkey. This shall boost active travel and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists will be introduced along the route.

In addition, we shall be working on several existing structures that will need to be widened to accommodate the new sections of widened road and a programme of maintenance on other existing structures.

Clearance work will begin on Monday 15th February 2021 alongside the A361 (see below plan). The project should be completed in December 2023. The Below Map indicates the areas of clearance work along the A361 in advance of construction work due to commence in April 2021.

Clearance work involves removal of vegetation. All clearance work is coordinated with appropriate permissions and advice and guidance from our ecological sub-contractor who maintain a watching brief.



Traffic Management

In the first instance there will need to be some traffic management for vegetation clearance work in the areas alongside the A361 near the Landkey Junction with one gang of clearance workers. **Two-way Temporary Traffic Lights (TTL's)** will operate with manual control at peak times both morning and late afternoon. This is to allow the contractor a safe working area. We shall add a further clearance gang at another point along the A361 later in the month.

Traffic Management (continued)

Where the carriageway width allows two-way traffic will be maintained but where this is not available two-way TTL's will be required. The appropriate signage will be on approach to these locations.

Such an extensive road improvement scheme will mean some delays and disruption can be expected at times during the construction work, and we will be working closely with local authorities and the Police to minimise disruption as much as possible.

Griffiths have set up a public website for the project <https://community.alungriffiths.co.uk/projects-in-your-area/north-devon-link-road/> and will keep this updated with information regarding traffic management proposals and progress. A link to this website will be posted on the [homepage of the DCC scheme website](#) for easy access.

Breakdown Recovery will be provided to remove broken down vehicles from the area of roadworks. There will be a **reduced speed limit of 40mph** in force approaching works areas for the duration of the works.

Further details on Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders for the scheme can be viewed on the DCC website <https://www.devon.gov.uk/ndlr/archives/393>. As progress is made further information will be posted on future newsletters and Griffiths website. So please subscribe to future newsletters below.

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