

# A382/383 Link Phase 1 Newton Abbot Newsletter 1 (April 2022)

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## Project Overview

**Duration:** June 2021 – June 2022

**Client:** Devon County Council

The site runs from the A382 north of Newton Abbot (SX841734) westwards closely following Staplehill Road before veering south west to closely follow Perry Lane, ending at Howton Road.

The works consist of an improved highway link between the A382 and A383 primarily to serve future development allocated in the area as set out the Teignbridge District Council local plan (NA1 LDP). The scheme design going forward to construction has been amended since planning permission was granted, and no longer includes the full length between the A382 at Forches Cross and the A383 in Howton. Instead, the first section of the scheme being taken forward to construction in April 2022 now only includes the eastern half of the scheme, from the A382 at Forches Cross in the east to Howton Road in the west, from here on in referred to as A382-A383 Link Road Phase 1A.

### Improvement Benefits:

- Release traffic pressure along A382
- Provide easy access to A38 to the new developments (1000 homes ) coming up from the Houghton Barton area

Your Public Liaison Officer for this project is Paul Nethercott of Alun Griffiths. He can be contacted.

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Calls are monitored out of normal work hours and a voicemail facility is available.

Please check out our project website

[community.alungriffiths.co.uk](http://community.alungriffiths.co.uk)

OR use QR code below.



## New PLO Introduction

A new Public Liaison Officer (PLO) local to Devon & Somerset has been employed on this project. Paul Nethercott began on 21<sup>st</sup> March and will see the project through to completion.

He will take over all community engagement including newsletters, website updates and liaising with the local community and businesses.

He can be contacted.

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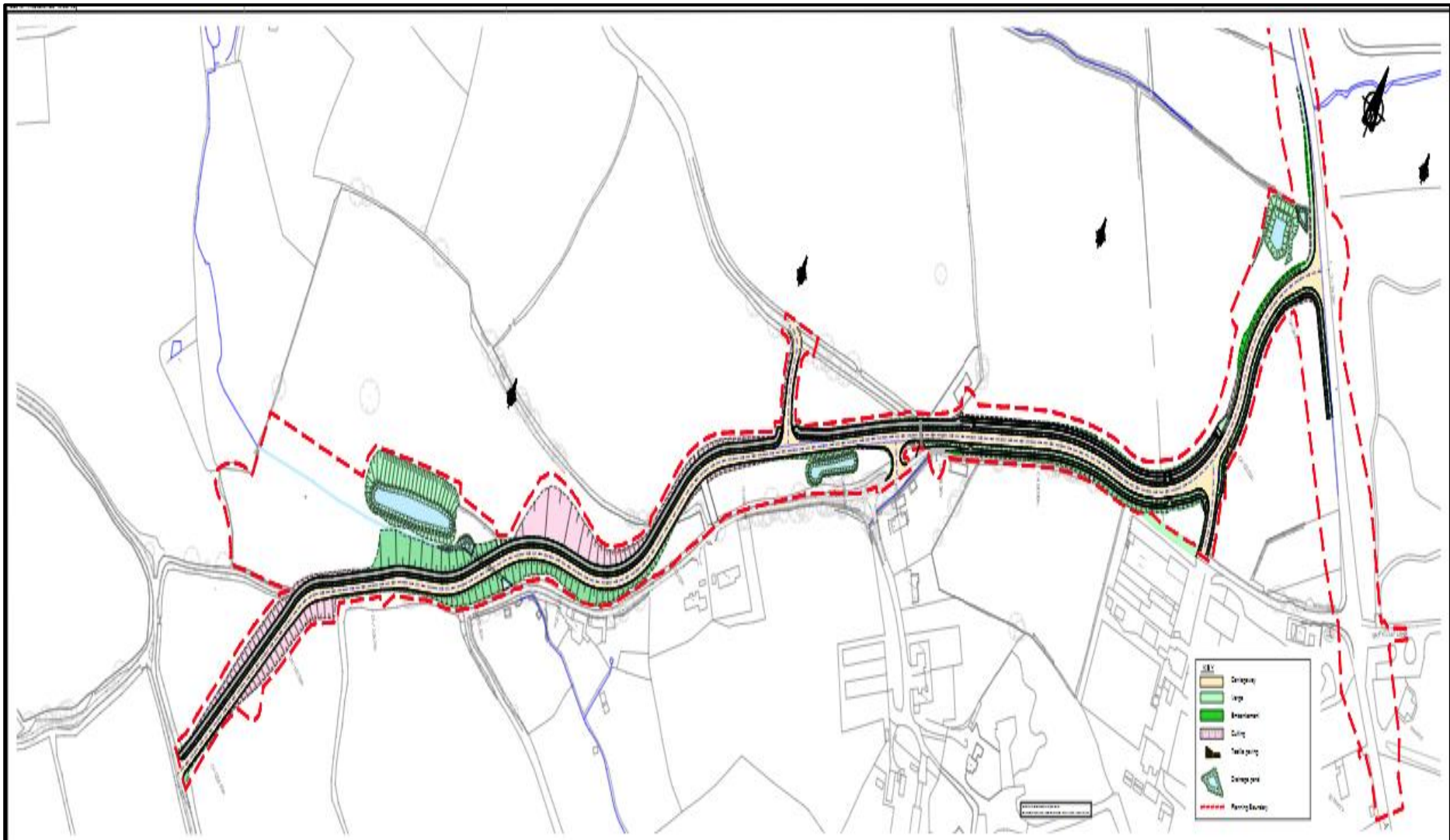
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## Works Progress & Timeline

- June 2021 - Sept 2021 - Site set up/Site clearance/hedge translocation.
- Sept 2021 - Jan 2022 - Cut & fill / Road box excavation/ Drainage work
- Feb 2022 - April 2022 - Kerbs & Beany blocks installation/ Services diversions/ Base & Binder course to Perry Cross from A382
- April 2022 - June 2022 - Culvert work/ Street Lightings & signs/ Base Binder Course to Houghton lane from Perry cross.
- Footpaths/ Wearing Course to the whole new Link Road
- Top soiling & Landscaping

## Traffic Management (TM) Update

Forches Cross road will become permanently closed (from Mid-June 2022) when the new Link Road is complete. Currently, it is only temporary closed as we excavate to install WPD (Western Power Distribution) Cable along this route.

When the installation of WPD Cable is complete, the road will be re-open again until the New Link Road is complete.

DCC are working out on the Permanent signs (Road Closed/New Road Layout ) and this will be ready before they officially close that section of the road & divert the traffic through the New Link Road. Businesses are open as usual throughout this period and minor traffic interruption will be incurred during the diversions period

## Upcoming Work, Night Closures and Diversions

- 3/5 - 31/5 Road Closure to Perry Cross for final surfacing work - Diversion to be in place
- 23/5 - 27/5 Night Road Closure to A382 ( Between Forches Cross & Stover School - Diversion to be in place

## Environmental News

Throughout the scheme new landscaping and planting features will be created. Advanced ecological mitigation works will include the removal and translocation of hedgerows, tree removal and the advanced planting of hedgerow, woodland and individual trees.

The road has been designed to avoid, minimise and offset impacts to landscape and ecological features where ever possible, and the key steps to safeguard landscape, environmental and ecological features on site and maintain/enhance connectivity to the wider landscape has been taken into consideration.

The following has been achieved:

- All soil arising re-used on site.
- All uprooted hedges translocated within the new link road corridor
- The masonry stones to build culvert locally sourced

## Community Involvement

During the time we are here and when interaction is allowed, we are looking to engage with local schools, academy's and colleges to inform local children about H&S, Engineering and any relevant site activity such as environmental works. We sometimes use our H&S mascot 'Sally Safesteps' and are able to give talks based on construction and can provide a cartoon story booklet emphasising dangers around construction sites. In the past, we have also encouraged the children to design a poster in regard to the dangers of playing and hazards on construction sites and these have been displayed in the area of where the construction project is being carried out. We also promote apprenticeships in regard to civil engineering and where possible, offer work experience programmes throughout the project. For more information or to arrange for a school/college visit please contact Paul Nethercott – Public Liaison Officer

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## Community Benefit Fund

Griffiths have set up a community benefits fund to consider assisting local community groups and causes

As a company we hope to leave a lasting legacy in the areas where we work and apart from this community engagement work we also will establish a *Community Good Cause Fund* which will be used to deliver social value projects in communities neighbouring the construction work. This can include such things as community/school garden projects, defibrillators etc. The fund we draw from is not limitless and we must therefore appraise each and every request on its merit before allocating funding.

Please submit any proposals with details via email to [paul.nethercott@alungriffiths.co.uk](mailto:paul.nethercott@alungriffiths.co.uk)

Benefits so far have included:

- Sponsorship of Stover Park 2023 Calendar
- Sponsorship Stover Park Easter Egg Trail
- Improvement of alternative access to Stover School
- Purchase of Defibrillator to be allocated at COOP Hele Park Newton Abbot

## Employment Opportunities

Wherever possible we have sourced local employment throughout this project that has also include local suppliers and business.

We are also pleased to have a student placement on this project that is currently studying at Exeter College.

If you are interested in employment or an apprenticeship with Griffiths Civil Engineering & Construction, please visit our website for the latest vacancies and opportunities available [Current Vacancies - Alun Griffiths \(Contractors\) Ltd](#)

Please contact the Public Liaison Officer for apprenticeship and work experience opportunities in the area.



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