

Creech Castle/Toneway Junction Taunton Newsletter 4 (April 2022)

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Project Overview

Griffiths have been appointed by Somerset County Council to complete the improvement work at Creech Castle Toneway. Work did commence on the busy Toneway Creech Castle junction on Monday 9 August 2021. Work shall take approximately 12 months ending Summer 2022. We look forward to building on our experiences of our Junction 25 project to ensure minimal disruption during the delivery of this complex project.

The major road improvement scheme to upgrade the junction was postponed last year to support the local economy during the coronavirus recovery by minimising any temporary disruption on a key route into Taunton.

Somerset County Council is upgrading the Toneway Creech Castle junction to ease congestion and improve access to Taunton.

The upgrade is designed to increase the capacity of the Toneway Creech Castle junction by widening and adding additional lanes. Once complete, there will be three straight ahead lanes in each direction on the Toneway. There will also be three lanes for traffic turning from the A38 Bridgwater Road from either direction onto the Toneway.

In addition, the right turn lane from the Toneway onto the A38 Bridgwater Road north is much longer to cope with increasing traffic volumes. The improved junction also has an integrated parallel crossing to offer significant benefits for cyclists and pedestrians.

The objectives of the scheme are:

- Support the economy in Taunton by supporting the delivery of employment and residential sites.
- Reduce peak hour congestion along the Toneway (compared to how it would be without the scheme), improving access from the M5 to Taunton town centre.
- Reduce severance caused by the A358 at this location.

Further details, drawings, FAQ's and videos can be viewed at [Toneway Creech Castle Junction Upgrade – Travel Somerset](#)

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Works Progress – Next Steps

Project Start Date: 9th August 2021

Finish Date: Summer 2022

Phase 3 March 2022– Traffic switched to outbound carriageway. This allowed access to areas of the site that previously had not been available. Reconstructing inbound carriageway has commenced. Retaining wall is now complete. Pre cast units for Bathpool bridge will be installed 5th April which will allow us to complete the roadworks on the A38 north of the junction.



Upcoming Work and Night Closures and Diversions

- Carriageway widening works outbound adjacent to Creech Castle Hotel
- Complete carriageway widening works inbound west of the junction
- Installation of the new high masts for street lighting centre of the junction
- Mid May - Undertaking works on Junction 25 and Hankridge Roundabout
- July - Expecting final resurfacing and road markings prior to project completion.

Traffic Management (TM) Update

- **Week commencing 11th April** - Overnight lane closures w/c 11th April to undertake drainage investigation works
- **Week commencing 18th May Phase 4)** - There will be another traffic switch on Toneway with traffic using both inbound and outbound lanes that are now available



New PLO Introduction

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

He will take over all community engagement including newsletters and website updates and can be contacted:

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Environmental News

- We have solar paneled power units for the site welfare.
- Due to government legislation all vehicles are now running on white diesel
- Vegetation clearance has been done on inbound verge in readiness for carriageway widening and drainage works
- Concrete from both reconstructed carriageways is being recycled.
- Wood cut down has been recycled.
- Environmentally friendly street lighting will replace existing lighting.

Community Involvement

A Public Meeting held last year on 7th October 2021 at Monkton Heathfield in regard to the project.

Facilitated works with Wessex Water to install water supply to a building occupied by a charity that saved them £3k .TM system was used and monitored by Griffiths

Employment

- 1 x QS apprentice working on site - 1 x apprentice carpenter working for our subcontractor HDG
- We have used local labour on this project: 7 for HDG (Subcontractor), 10 local agency through Alun Griffiths



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