

Dear Sir/Madam

Progress update – November 2024

November marks the 18th month of construction on the Carlisle Southern Link Road and as we approach Winter our earthworks will begin to slow down. The colder months however are perfect for us to undertake some of our landscaping works, we will soon be planting trees, shrubs, and hedgerows to the batters of the new road. Drainage works and the various structures along the route continue to progress well.

Key achievements for October include:

- Beginning to lay the Cement Bound Granular Mixture (CBGM) for the foundation layer of the new road. CBGM is an alternative to traditional flexible paving options for constructing durable, long-lasting roads quickly.
- Taking delivery of the prefabricated steel sections of the beams for the West side of the new Caldew Crossing.
- Beginning the road box and capping between the new Durdar roundabout and the East side of the River Caldew.
- Backfilling the abutments of the new bridge structures with reinforced earth.
- Re-opening the realigned footpath on Durdar Road.

As we move into November Cumberland Council, alongside our main contractor Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd and our team of experienced local subcontractors will be:

- Taking delivery of the prefabricated steel sections of the beams for the East side & central spans of the new Caldew Crossing, Including permanent formwork panels.
- Planing out the existing carriageway of Ivegill Road to allow the tie in of the new road bridge.
- Streetlighting to the North link of the new Durdar roundabout.
- Beginning to install permanent fence lines.
- Installing capping, sub-base and road pavement layers to the South link of the new Durdar roundabout including kerb lines, streetlighting columns and ducting and chambers.
- Surfacing the new access track to the Piggery, beginning surfacing to the Durdar roundabout, the Southern Link of the roundabout and sections between Newby West & Cummersdale.
- Footpath preparations to the new Brisco roundabout.

Road closures (West to East):

- The Dalston Road closure remains in place. The service diversion work by our partner, Electricity North West, has been completed and we are now proceeding with activities that were unavoidably on hold. Since the completion of the diversion, we have made good progress.
- Grace Lane remains closed allowing third-party service diversions to be undertaken which are progressing well. For the duration of these works, the bus stop at Cloverfields has been moved 200yds North to reduce interface with the necessary traffic management on Dalston Road and the junction with Peter Lane.
- A section of Ratten Row remains closed allowing us to undertake earthworks and drainage operations associated with the Southern Link for the new Durdar roundabout.
- The Ivegill Road closure remains in place and our works to realign the existing road and tie it into the new Durdar Road bridge are progressing. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the closure has remained in place longer than anticipated. It is too soon to provide a date for the route to reopen. We will provide another update in December as we will know a lot more by then.

Fully signposted diversion routes are in place for the duration of all closures. Information regarding all traffic management associated with the project including diversion routes can be found on Cumberland Councils website. You can also keep up to date with weekly traffic management bulletins on the Carlisle Southern Link Road Facebook Page.

We try, where possible, to complete as much of our works offline to reduce disruption to road users, however due to the nature of these particular works, full closures were unavoidable.

We understand the frustrations that our works can cause and would like to assure you that we are working hard to minimise the inconvenience and disruption experienced whilst we the construct the new road.

As part of our multi-million-pound investment in the infrastructure of the Carlisle Southern Link Road, we are equally as committed to invest in our local communities. We are working with our partners to ensure we add social value back into the county. Activities in November will include:

- Caldew School Work Ready Day
- Menopause Awareness sessions for the site team
- Richard Rose Morton Academy Careers Fair

Yours sincerely

CSLR Team