



Hoobrook Link Road Phase 2



Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd

Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd is very proud to be working with Worcestershire County Council to deliver Hoobrook Link Road Phase 2 - an exciting and interesting project bringing real community benefits to the residents and businesses of Kidderminster and surrounding areas.

Founded in 1968, Griffiths is a leading civil engineering and construction company delivering projects throughout England and Wales. With a large, directly employed workforce, Griffiths is dedicated to providing lasting benefits to the communities in which it works and investing in the local economy.

Griffiths: Progress So Far

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all very much for the patience that you have shown so far. We do understand, and are aware, that construction works can be inconvenient and would like to assure you that we are, at all times, doing our very best to keep disruption and noise to a bare minimum.

Works have progressed well during the summer months with the prolonged dry weather being a huge help to us and all works are currently on programme.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued co-operation throughout this project.



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Environmental Impact

Ecological and Arboriculture surveys have been undertaken to establish the requirements for dealing with any protected species, such as badgers, bats and great crested newts that may be located within the site. The new road has been designed to reduce its environmental impact. Some trees and shrubs have been removed during construction. Appropriate landscaping will happen at the end of the scheme.

Where permitted the use of recycled materials has been put into practice. For example the demolished Ashlane Centre has been crushed and used as fill for the new road.

Noise levels have been investigated and future levels will be managed.

Street Lighting will be designed to take into account the local environment and will use lighting heads which limit light pollution.

What Happens Next?

In November the crane and the beams will be delivered to site through the Stourport Road junction of the site. This will enable the bridge lift to take place in early December, weather permitting.

During 2016, the link road will be completed and junctions to both Stourport Road and Worcester Road will be controlled by three-way traffic junctions, with new pedestrian and cycle crossing points once the road safety audit has been completed.

There may be some inconvenience to local people and businesses during construction and disruption will be minimised as much as possible. There will be construction traffic bringing plant and materials to site and some work will take place at the weekends, to minimise disruption to commuters and businesses.

Introduction

World Class Worcestershire is investing more now in development land, infrastructure and developing skills than in the last 30 years. This investment is set to see the numbers of jobs within the county increase by 25,000 by the year 2025.

Worcestershire has the third fastest growing economy in the UK, underpinned by an economic strategy that was born 4 years ago. The county recognised that in order to grow the economy we needed to:

- Secure land for development
- Ensure infrastructure is fit for purpose
- Construct buildings
- Attract businesses
- Employ and train people

We have moved a long way towards achieving our goal as we near 2016. The 6 game changer sites that were identified for development, estimated to bring around 10,000 jobs and a £722 GVA, are now beginning to take shape.

South Kidderminster Enterprise Park is one of these game changer sites and the work being done on the Hoobrook Link road will improve accessibility to this park and the surrounding areas.

The Hoobrook Link Road scheme will facilitate the regeneration of an existing industrial estate as well as relieving congestion on the existing transport network and releasing further economic growth within the wider Wyre Forest area.

Progress So Far

Construction commenced in 2015 and should be completed by Autumn 2016. Since the start of 2015 the following has been achieved:

- The Stage 2 RSA (Road Safety Audit) has been completed;
- Legal negotiations with tenants, leaseholders and the freeholder of the industrial units have all been agreed;
- The Ash Lane Centre has been demolished;
- All of the planning conditions have been addressed and discharged;
- The piles for the bridge foundations have been laid for both abutments, abutment steelwork and concrete pours completed in readiness for the beam lift;
- The roadworks on the Worcester Road ongoing since the summer have enabled the contractors to prepare the drainage and kerbing works for the next stage of construction.

