

Protecting the Environment

During the course of our work we are ensuring that we protect the environment we have full time ecologists on site .
Helen Hays is a local botanist who contacted the construction team to highlight the presence of Leopards Bane a rare plant in this region. With the help of the site ecology team a quantity of the plants have been removed and will be stored for replanting in a similar location at the end of the project.

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Thank you for taking the time to read about our work. If you want to find out more or have any concerns or questions regarding the scheme, please do contact us in one of the following ways:

email a1dishforthleeming@highways.gsi.gov.uk

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Safe driving at roadworks



During 2006 two workers were killed and 19 seriously injured in the course of their work on Highways Agency roads.

For the safety of all road users and roadworkers, when you are approaching roadworks:

- Keep within the speed limit – it is there for your safety.
- Get into the correct lane in good time – don't keep switching.
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not the roadworks.
- Be alert for works' traffic leaving or entering roadworks.
- Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front.
- Observe all signs – they are there to help you.

Remember that tiredness can kill. Take regular breaks from driving.

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Dishforth Leeming | A1 Improvements

Newsletter No 1 September 2009

Welcome to our first edition

Construction work started on the A1 in April. This is the first of our quarterly newsletters, which will keep you informed of the scheme progress and what to expect as you travel through the works.

If you have any questions on any aspect of the scheme please do not hesitate to contact the HAIL line or the scheme email please.

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Background

Constructed in the 1950's and early 60's, the existing A1 fails to meet present day standards for layout and alignment. There are a high number of sub-standard accesses, central reserve crossings and local road junctions. Slow moving agricultural vehicles use the route to enter and exit farms and fields adjoining the A1. The route has a poor accident record with continuing safety, congestion and journey time reliability problems.

The objectives of the improvement are:

- decrease current high levels of accidents
- reduce congestion
- improve journey times

This will be achieved by upgrading the existing A1 to dual 3-lane motorway standard. The proposal is generally on the line of the existing road. Motorway junctions are proposed at Dishforth, Baldersby (A61), and Leeming

We are working hard to minimise delays to your journey, while we carry out work. Where possible work is being carried out overnight.

To keep up to date with the progress of the scheme and future traffic management arrangements

Visit <http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/projects/24058.aspx>. Where you can sign up for email alerts each time the website is updated. If you would like to discuss any queries you may have about the work or receive regular TM updates please contact us on 0845 50 40 30 or email a1dishforthleeming@highways.gsi.gov.uk

Find out More

On 12 & 19 June we held meetings for those affected by the work; who could ask questions and give feedback. We call these sessions 'Key Liaison Group meetings' or KLG. Around 70 people attended and most said they found the meeting useful. We are currently addressing all the points raised at the last meeting and we will give updates on these at the next meeting.

The next KLG will be held on 18 Sept starting at 10am for Stapley Lane to Leeming and 13:30 for Dishforth to Stapley Lane. Letters will be sent out shortly but anyone wishing to attend should contact Michael Church. Please email a1dishforthleeming@highways.gsi.gov.uk or phone 0845 50 40 30.

Construction Update

Work is progressing well:

- pond construction commenced in May.
- 60% of site fencing is complete south bound,
- drainage. has been installed at various locations along the route
- work has also commenced at various structures along the project, Street Lane is one of the more advance structures.
- several properties have now been demolished along the A1 to allow for the start of construction works.
- earthworks have begun across the scheme.

Upcoming Activities

To allow us to divert the traffic, we need to strengthen the central reserve. This work will be carried out overnight to reduce disruption to travellers, at Leases, Leeming Bar, and Gatenby to Londonderry during July –Oct 09.

Several utility diversions are due to take place from July 09. This means we are moving water pipes, electric pipes, gas mains etc this will pose no interruption to domestic supplies, but are all necessary to allow the construction of the road.

Traffic Management

We have introduced a number of measures on the scheme for the safety of road users and our work force. These include safety cameras, 24hour monitored cctv and free breakdown recovery. We have a close working relationship with North Yorkshire County Council and the Police to ensure our traffic management and diversion routes are clearly signed and enforced.

Please make sure you adhere to traffic measurements even if it is at first not obvious work is taking place for your safety and the safety of others. If you do have any concerns please do contact us.

Traffic management on the scheme September 2009

