

Western Region Railway Bridge Replacement | A404(M)

Welcome

to the fourth edition of the newsletter for the A404(M) Western Region Railway Bridge Replacement. Birse Civils are the principal contractors appointed by the Highways Agency for the scheme, which commenced in September 2009 and is due for completion in September 2011.

The replacement bridge is now substantially complete, with over 75% of the original structure having been demolished, and new replacement sections inserted into position during road closures. Traffic is now running on new sections of the southbound and centre section of the A404(M). This allows for the preparation of demolition of the northbound hard shoulder and lane one. Once this is completed the final section of the replacement bridge, which has already been assembled on site, will be inserted into position during the next few weeks.



We are continuing to have overnight road closures of sections of the A404(M) for much of this work to take place, and to use temporary noise barriers.

The new sections have a temporary road surface; once all sections are inserted a permanent road surface will be applied.

In January 2011, members of the site team visited Wessex Primary School at Cox Green to talk to pupils about the project, and the ecological aspects

surrounding the scheme. The pupils showed great interest and asked some pertinent questions about the project which is on their doorstep, and has an impact on the local community.

Unfortunately, the extremely adverse weather conditions of the past winter impeded the progress of the project. The scheme is now due to be completed in September 2011, two months later than originally envisaged.

If you would like any information on the project or wish to discuss the scheme, please telephone Birse freephone helpline number 0800 032 9760 or the site office on **01536 714940**

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