

# Western Region Railway Bridge Replacement | A404(M)

## Newsletter Spring 2010



**Welcome** to the second 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 Spring 2011.

All of the excavation under the bridge is now complete; the angle of the embankments has been increased to a slope of 60% using a special technique to allow extra space for the construction of the new bridge abutments. Temporary safety screening has been erected alongside the rail tracks to separate construction activities from trains.

We are currently excavating part of the central reservation shown in the photograph, which will be resurfaced to allow for traffic to go into a contra flow. The contra flow will start late April, and allow demolition of the hard shoulder and lane one of the southbound A404(M) to commence.

The demolition will take place over a series of weekends utilising night time access granted by Network Rail. The new section of bridge will be inserted mid-summer 2010, then demolition of the

next section of bridge will take place, with traffic running on the newly inserted section.

A temporary noise barrier has been erected to replace the previous barrier fixed to the old bridge wall. This will then be replaced by a new permanent barrier fixed to the finished structure.

If you would like any further information on the project or wish to discuss the scheme please telephone Birse freephone helpline number **08000 329 760** or the site office on **01536 714 940**

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