

A590 High and Low Newton Bypass Issue 2 – Summer 2006

Welcome to the second issue of our newsletter for the A590 High and Low Newton Bypass.

Our aim is to tell you about the construction of the bypass and how it will affect you. We will let you know what we are doing and how we are going to do it.

Inside you will find details of how to get in touch with us during the works if you have any concerns or want information about the scheme.

Construction works can affect people's daily lives and we will do our best to keep any disruption to a minimum, but there may be times when we have to do some noisy work. We are committed to telling you before these works begin.

Hopefully you will find these newsletters an interesting and helpful way of keeping you informed about these important works.

David Cochrane

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Closer to Nature

We are continuing to work closely with the Lake District National Park (LDNP) and other environmental bodies. To ensure the scheme blends with the existing landscape as far as possible. The Highways Agency has agreed that stone walls, constructed to a design agreed with LDNP, will be used as the highway boundary. Wherever possible the existing stone will be reused.

Earthworks mounding and native planting will be used to reduce the visual impact of the road on residential properties.

Badger fencing will be erected where badger activity has been noted.



Example of a Bat Bridge.

Bats, which live in a building which is being knocked down will be re-housed and feeding routes will be maintained.

We are already working to ensure a new home for the bats currently roosting in Black Beck Hall at Ayside. We have converted the existing pigsty into a building suitable for bats. Once the bats have starting roosting in their new home we will start the demolition of Black Beck Hall in mid-July.

Special ponds will be used to manage water flow into local water courses. The ponds will slow run-off water to neighbouring field and filter pollutants and silt.

Earth slopes will be shaped to blend with the local landscape.

Specially seed mixed, agreed with LDNP, will be used in some of the areas.

The A590 will be the only access route to the construction site for material imports.

Our plans to get closer to nature will include:

- 8km of dry stone walls.
- 8km of badger fencing.
- New hedge containing 3,000 plants.
- 65,000 Plants/Tree/shrubs.
- 7 badger/otter tunnels.



Pigsty converted to a bat roost.

How the bypass work will affect you

Our first major work will be to build a new traffic management system at the northern end of the Lindale Bypass. To be safe and cause the minimum of disruption to A590 users, we will introduce:

- A mini roundabout and a signal controlled crossing for site traffic from mid-August
- Three mini roundabouts on the alignment of the A590 from mid-October.

To help us work Cartmel Lane will be closed at the junction of the A590 twice between 7th and

10th August and the 14th and 17th August. A diversion will be in place whilst these works are in progress.

Early works will also include moving earth to create cuttings and embankments. To carry out these operations safely, access will be limited to certain roads.

There will be Temporary Traffic Orders at:

- Back Lane will be closed at it's junction with Cartmel Lane from mid-August. Landowners access will be available from Head House Road.
- Barber Green Road and Head House Road will be closed in the area of the new dual carriageway from mid-September. These roads will be replaced by a new road running parallel to the new dual carriageway.
- Barrows Green Road will be closed from early October to allow the construction of a new underpass structure.
- Access to Oak Head Road from the A590 will not be possible on the 11th, 12th 18th and 19th August, whilst a Heavy Plant Crossing is constructed.
- Access to Ayside Road from the A590 will be permanently closed from early August.

Site traffic will not be using the existing sideroads and will only access the site at approved access points.

Further information on road closures will be available at the public exhibition, where members of the team will be available to answer any queries.

Start of Bypass Works

Work has already started on the construction of the site compound near Cartmel Lane and on temporary fences in areas where early access is required.

The conversion of a pigsty at Black Beck Hall to allow bats to roost is already complete.



Construction of the compound

The main work on the bypass is due to commence in August 2006 and will take 2 years to complete.

The Scheme

The proposed bypass will be a 3.8km dual carriageway road running between Lindale Bypass and Barrow Banks

The Public Exhibition was held at:

Venue: High Newton Village Hall

Dates and Times:

Tuesday 25th July 2006

5.30pm to 8.30pm

Wednesday 26th July 2006

10.30am to 8.00pm

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Safe driving at roadworks

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



During 2005, five workers were killed and 12 seriously injured in the course of their work on Highways Agency roads. This was the worst year since 1999.

For the safety of all road users and roadworkers, drivers approaching roadworks are advised to:

- 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