

A590 High and Low Newton Bypass Issue 3 – Autumn 2006

Welcome to the third edition of our newsletter for the A590 High & Low Newton Bypass. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you about how we plan to progress during the winter months.

The Start of Works Exhibition at the end of July was very well attended. I hope that everyone who visited the exhibition found it to be a worthwhile and informative event. We received some very constructive comments which have led to changes in the planning of the work. I would like to thank the people who helped in this way and everyone who attended for their interest in the scheme.

Work started at the beginning of August following a turf cutting ceremony performed by local residents.

We have benefited from the good weather over the last three months and the earthworks operations are ahead of our original expectations. About one third of the total quantity of excavation has been completed. The majority of earthmoving machinery has now left site for the winter and will return in the spring.

I would like to thank everyone affected by the scheme for their tolerance with the inevitable disruption caused by the construction of the scheme.

Graham Dakin

Highways Agency

Site Clearance

Site clearance work has progressed on all parts of the site to prevent the return of protected animals and nesting birds before work starts again next spring. Our ecologists have worked hard to ensure that any mature trees that can be saved for the future are protected. No trees will be felled unnecessarily.

Structures

Work over the winter months will be concentrated on the construction of the bridges that will carry the side roads over or under the bypass. This work is less weather dependent than earthworks.

The structures at Cartmel Lane, Barrows Green Road and Oak Head Road will carry side roads under the bypass.

Ayside Bridleway Underpass, with headroom limited to 3 metres, will carry the new Ayside Bridleway under the bypass near Snowdrop Villa.

The last major structure is a three span bridge which will take Head House Road over the bypass to connect to a new link road between Head House and Barber Green Roads.

Dry Stone Walling

The building of dry stone boundary walls is progressing across Newton Heads Hill. The style and construction of the walls has been approved by the Lake District National Park Authority. Approval was given following the construction of trial panels using various mixes of reclaimed and new stone and of local limestone and slate.

A590 Traffic Management

The existing traffic management layout at Cartmel Lane will be removed early in November following the construction of part of the new Cartmel Lane junction. A590 traffic will be diverted on to the road layout shown on page 3.

This layout removes traffic from the site of the new Cartmel Lane Underpass so that we can build the structure without traffic passing close alongside. It provides a safer arrangement for both A590 traffic and the workers building the structure. It also allows us to arrange for the diversion of a BT fibre optic cable and a water main.

Road signs will be designed and erected to ensure that all local destinations are well sign-posted and access to properties will be maintained at all times.

Side Road Closures

Barber Green Road and Head House Road will remain closed until end of 2007. The existing pedestrian and cyclist access across the site will remain for as long as it can be used safely.

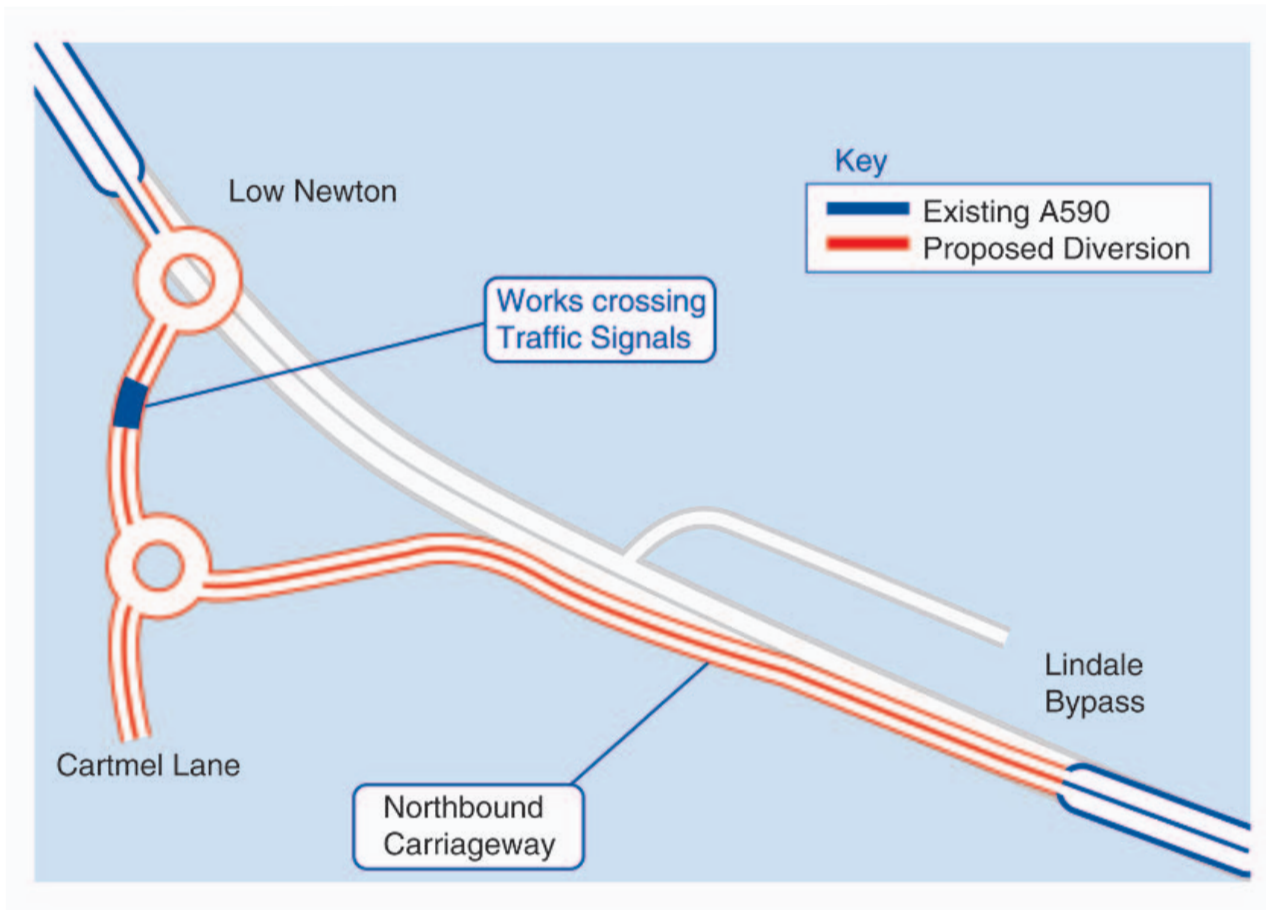
At some point, this access will have to be closed for safety reasons. Consideration is being given to ways of providing pedestrian access across the site when this occurs. The results of the recent survey of Barber Green and Head House residents will be used to help us decide on the most suitable arrangements.

Barrows Green Road will remain closed until Spring 2007.

Ayside Road is due to be closed in Spring 2007 under the permanent Stopping Up Order that was included in the made Orders for the scheme.

Safety

Site staff will be talking to school children at Levens Valley and Cartmel Primary Schools in November about the dangers associated with a construction site.



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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