

A66 Temple Sowerby Bypass and Improvements at Winderwath Newsletter Issue 2 • Winter 2006

Introduction

Welcome to the second issue of our newsletter for the A66 Temple Sowerby Bypass and Improvements at Winderwath.

The aim of these newsletters 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.

We will give 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 be disruptive to people's daily lives and we will endeavour to keep any disruption to a minimum. Despite this there may be times when we have to do some noisy work. Our commitment is to advise residents in advance of these works and avoid surprises.

We trust that you find these newsletters interesting and helpful as one means of keeping you informed about these important works in providing a bypass for the village of Temple Sowerby.

David Cochrane
Highways Agency

Archaeology

Residents will recall that we carried out an archaeological survey of the line of the bypass last summer. Children from the Temple Sowerby C of E Primary School were invited to the site to see how the work was done.

We excavated a total of 67 trenches along the route and two important finds were made:

The first of these was located to the south of the village, west of Vicarage Lane. In this area excavation revealed a pit and possibly a Medieval wall.

The second area where archaeological remains were revealed was located at the eastern end of the scheme, immediately to the north of the existing A66 and south of Spitals Farm. These remains comprised of a cobbled stone surface. It is possible that this feature relates to the Roman Road, the course of which the present A66 is supposed to follow.

Finds from the excavation included a small number of flint tools, and shards of Roman Pottery. The majority of the remains uncovered in the trenches were comprised of modern field boundaries.

A full report of these works has been written and is deposited with the County Historic Environmental Record.

Samples found at the site will be on display at the Start of Works Exhibition.



An archaeologist with a tray of small finds talks to children from the village school.



The wait will soon be over.

Traffic Management

Some disruption to traffic will be experienced when we make the connections (tie-ins) of the new road to the existing A66. The tie-ins are located to the west of Temple Sowerby near Whinfell House and to the east at Low Moor. We have planned this work to minimise disturbance and to provide safe working zones to protect the travelling public and our workforce.

The first phase of the work will involve clearance of the north verge of the existing A66 at both the east and west tie-ins.

Following the clearance, a series of diversions of water and telecoms services from the existing south verges into the north verges will take place. These service diversions will take place throughout this Summer and will require traffic management controls to reduce traffic to a single lane, at off peak times.

We will keep you informed about further traffic management work in future newsletters.

The Scheme

The 5km (3.1 mile) dual carriageway bypass starts in the west near Whinfell House and passes to the south and west of Temple Sowerby ending in the east near Spittals Farm.

Public Exhibition

In order to give you the chance to find out more about the construction of the bypass, or to discuss any concerns you may have about the work, a public exhibition is being held. Representatives of the project team will be at the exhibition so please come along.

Exhibition Programme

Venue: Temple Sowerby Village Hall

Dates and Times:

- Wednesday 8th February 2006
5.30pm to 8.30pm
- Thursday 9th February 2006
10.30am to 8.00pm

We regret there is no disabled access at this venue. If this affects you please contact the Highways Agency and arrangements will be made to explain the proposals.

Start of Bypass Works

Construction on the bypass is due to commence in February 2006 and will take 2 years to complete. During February, the contractor aims to establish the site office for the scheme off Morland Road. This is due to be completed by March 2006.

Initial works will include site clearance, temporary fencing and the provision of a road between Cliburn Road and River Eden for construction vehicles.



Heavy vehicles passing through the village.

Caption Competition

We will shortly be holding a 'sod cutting' ceremony to mark the start of the construction of the bypass.

If you would like the opportunity to attend this event then this competition is for you. Just send in a caption (the funnier the better) as to what you think David Cochrane (project leader) is thinking or saying. David is pictured below, second in from the left, on Morland Road with team members from our Contract Supervisors - Scott Wilson.

Entries to Mal Sinfield, Room 710 City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester, M1 4BE. The closing date for entries is the 14th February 2006. Winner will be notified and invited to attend the Start of Works ceremony.



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Driving through roadworks

If you do have to drive through roadworks, please take extra care.



- Keep to the speed limit - it is there for your safety
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not on the roadworks
- Keep a safe distance - there could be queues in front

- Get into the correct lane in good time - don't keep switching
- Be alert for works traffic leaving or entering roadworks
- Observe all signs - they are there to help you

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