

## A69 Improving the traffic at Haydon Bridge Newsletter 1 January 2007

### A Happy NewYear

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter for the A69 Haydon Bridge.

Our aim is to let you know about the construction of the bypass, how it will affect you, 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 work if you're concerned about anything or you want more information about the scheme.

Construction work can be disruptive and we will keep down the level of disruption. But there may be times when we have to do some noisy work. We are committed to keeping you informed of any disturbances and avoid surprises.

We hope you will find these newsletters interesting and helpful as one means of keeping you informed about this important work providing a bypass for the village of Haydon Bridge.

**John Atkinson**  
Highways Agency

### The scheme

Haydon Bridge is situated on a single carriageway section of the A69 Trunk Road, midway between Newcastle and Carlisle. The road is a strategic route between the north east and north west of England, connecting the A1 with the M6.

The A69(T) has approximately 12,500 vehicles pass along it, through the centre of Haydon Bridge each day, 13% of which are heavy goods vehicles.

Residential properties in Haydon Bridge are located along both sides of the existing Trunk Road and the population experiences severe environmental problems such as community severance, noise and air pollution. There are also safety concerns arising from the conflict between motorists and pedestrians. The proposed bypass is intended to re-route the A69 Trunk Road around the southern edges of the village to address these environmental and safety concerns.

The proposal will bring substantial relief by removing through traffic from the centre of Haydon Bridge. It will provide a better standard of trunk road, promoting a more efficient transport system in the area, and will improve access to other regional centres in the north of England.

### How the bypass work will affect you

Before we start work on the bypass we will put up a site boundary fence to secure the land. This will be closely followed by the construction of our main compound adjacent to Cemetery Road. After the activity along Cemetery Road, most of the work will take place within the field. Some archaeological works will immediately follow this for a period of approximately 6 to 8 weeks. However, it is not anticipated that anything significant will be discovered.

Construction traffic, wherever possible, will be routed from the east and kept outside the village. Exclusion zones for construction traffic will be sign-posted and maintained from the outset.

The most visible works during these early activities will be the construction of the Northern Compound (adjacent to the existing junction at West Rattenraw) and the plant access near to the existing railway bridge. There will be no

significant impact from the access to the Northern Compound, however, a 40mph speed restriction may be enforced by Roadlink for traffic passing the proposed plant access.

Another early activity will be the felling of trees along the new route. However, this will not commence until we have completed a "Bat Survey" to ensure we are not destroying vital bat habitat.

A significant impact of the early construction will be the temporary closure of the footpath through Gees Wood, which we intend to undertake during early January 2007. Unfortunately this action is necessary to protect the public and ensure the timely completion of the project and will result in this footpath being closed for the duration of the construction.

Upon completion of the archaeological works, and a suitable weather window, it is our intention to start the site clearance and commence the earthworks. To accomplish this we will need to mobilise large earthmoving equipment, this will be undertaken with the minimum of disruption to the village. This will be our main construction activity during the spring.

### Start of bypass work

Construction on the bypass has already started on the 8th January 2007

### Public exhibition

In order to give residents the chance to find out more about the construction of the bypass and to meet representatives of the project team, a public exhibition is being held.

Please come along to the exhibition where you will have the chance to discuss any concerns you may have about the work that will be taking place, and to meet the project team.

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Exhibition Programme

Venue: Haydon Bridge Village Hall

### Dates and Times:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007  
10.00am to 8.30pm

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2007  
9.00am to 1.00pm

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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