

# Western Region Railway Bridge Replacement

# A404(M)

## Newsletter Winter 2009



**Welcome** to the first edition of the newsletter for the A404(M) western region railway bridge replacement, which commenced in September 2009 and is due for completion Spring 2011.

Traffic management has been installed, and there is a 40mph speed limit in place. Two lanes will be maintained in both directions, although there will be occasional overnight closures publicised in advance. Demolition of the first section of the bridge has begun on the northbound hard shoulder, after which, the first section of the new bridge will be slid into position. Further sections of the bridge will then be demolished. Safety netting has been erected along with a temporary three-metre high noise barrier. Temporary access ramps have been formed to gain access to the underside of the bridge.

Birse are the principle contractors for the scheme, appointed by the Highways Agency. Birse has commissioned the services of Middlemarch Environmental, who have produced an Environmental Plan, in order to protect the nearby wildlife. Slow worms and lizards have been successfully relocated prior to commencement of the works.

Birse is Associate Members of the Considerate Constructors Scheme, set up in 1997 to promote the industry's image.

[www.ccscheme.org.uk](http://www.ccscheme.org.uk) monitor sites on a regular basis, awarding points for such items as consideration to neighbours, environmental protection, safety, cleanliness, and engagement with local communities.



Birse has set up its main compound off Ascot Road. If you would like any 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** or visit [www.highways.gov.uk/A404MWRRB](http://www.highways.gov.uk/A404MWRRB)

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