

## A421 M1 Junction 13 to Bedford Improvements Update - July 2010

### Welcome to the latest update providing you with information on the progress of the A421 Improvements Scheme.

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### GENERAL SITE ACTIVITIES

#### Utility Diversions

Diversion of the Gas Mains at Brogborough took place during the first week of July, residents may have detected the smell of gas in the air. Local residents were informed prior to the works. Other works are being carried out by EDF include connecting new services for Traffic Lights and three New Pumping Stations, and survey and protection work at Marsh Leys Roundabout.

#### Road Construction

Mainline activity since the last update has taken priority, although we have also carried out finishing works on the side roads under night time closures. Good progress has been made at Marsh Leys Junction and the two new roundabouts at M1 Junction 13. There has been a great deal of traffic management in place during this period, the majority of which will no longer be required by the end of July.



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### SPECIFIC LOCATIONS – APRIL TO JULY 2010

#### M1 Junction 13 to Brogborough Landfill

##### West of M1

The A421 Milton Keynes Link and both of the M1 North Bound Slip Roads at Junction 13 should be complete by the end of July.

Following this, work will continue to complete the kerbing, road markings, traffic signals, signs, lighting and landscaping

##### Brogborough and Salford Road bridges

Carriageways have been surfaced with their lower layers in this area, construction of drainage channels will follow.

##### M1 to Salford Road

Salford Road has been switched onto its new alignment and work is progressing well to complete the installation of Traffic Signals, together with finishing works to Road markings and hard landscape areas.

## Brogborough

Bulk earthworks are now substantially complete drainage has been installed in the cutting. This has allowed us to commence and complete the first of two lower surfacing layers of the road.

## Manor Farm / North Common Farm / Landfill Site

We have carried out a great deal of work in this area recently. Traffic is now running on the newly constructed A421 alignment (over the tyre bales). This has enabled earthworks to the mainline either side of North Common Farm underpass to continue. Traffic for North Common Farm is now running through the underpass. The new Landfill Access track has been opened. Concreting works to the Manor Farm bridge abutments has progressed well and the steel beams were erected at the end of June, with construction of the deck continuing during July.

## Landfill Site to Beancroft Road

Lower layers of road construction and surface water channels are complete between Beancroft Road and Vale Farm. The final surfacing is now continuing through this area. Wood End overbridge and diversion are now open.

## Beancroft Road to Fields Road

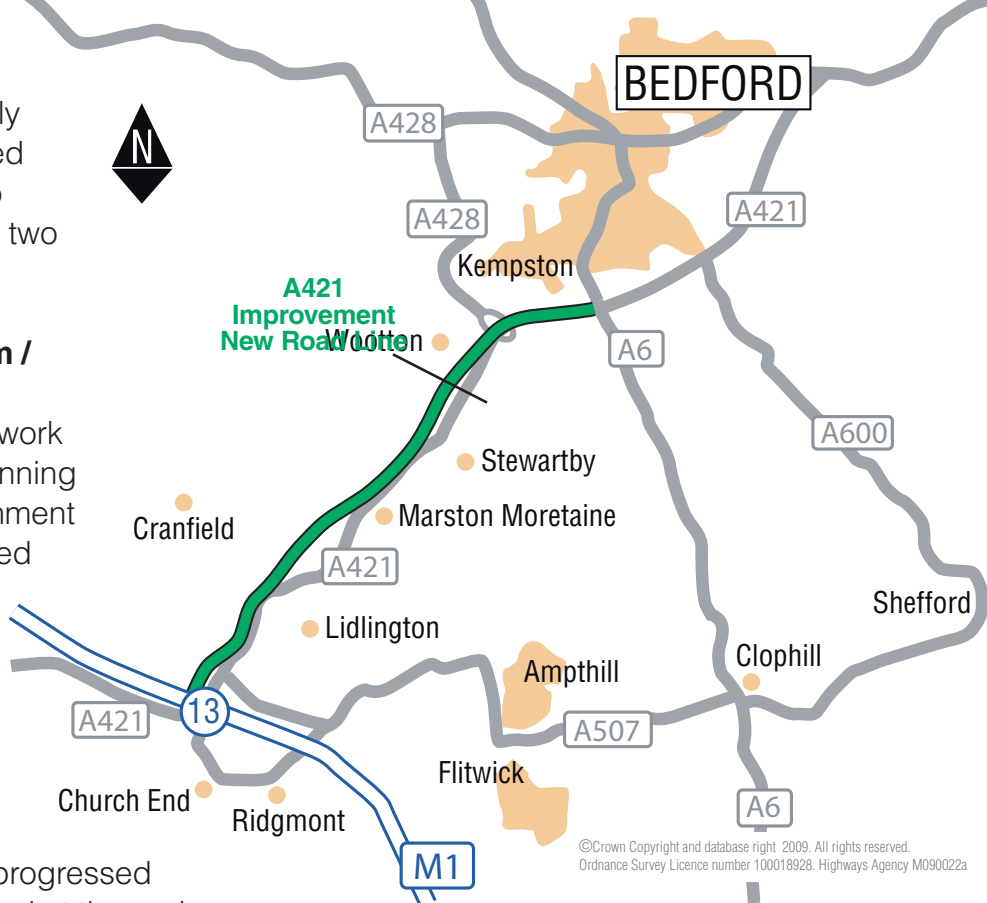
### Marston Junction

Realigned Beancroft Road and new Marston Junction opened on the 19th April.

Main line excavation is now complete beneath the bridge.

### Lower Shelton Underpass

The remaining works to a new pump station at the underpass was completed at the end of June, and the permanent lighting will be installed soon.



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### Hoo Lane

Lower layers of road construction are complete between Beancroft Road and Fields Road. This enabled the surface water channel to be completed and surfacing is now continuing in this area.

## Fields Road to A6

### Fields Road

Overnight closures commenced on 14th June to complete outstanding works under the new bridge over the existing A421. These are scheduled until early July. Works to kerbs and barriers around the online roundabout has been ongoing. Surfacing works have been completed during early July.

### Manor Road

Works will continue during 2010 to construct the bridleway on either side of the new bridge.

### Marsh Leys Junction

The western bridge is now complete and the eastern bridge will be complete in early July. Finishing works have started and will continue through July. The temporary concrete road barriers under the bridges are due for removal during July.

## Marsh Leys to A6 Junction

Traffic was switched onto the new westbound carriageway on 3rd June. This included the permanent closure of the B530 from the A421. The existing A421 has now been removed and filling operations have started. The bulk excavation to enable the construction of a 300m long retaining wall has begun. Drainage East of the old Interchange Retail Park roundabout will follow shortly. A newly constructed section of carriageway has been built over an extended Marsh Leys Railway Bridge and opened to traffic. Traffic is now running temporarily on what will eventually be the westbound mainline carriageway. This is allowing us to construct the new eastbound carriageway between Marsh Leys and the A6. Works are also underway to refurbish the existing railway bridge.

## Footpaths and Bridleways

Various footpaths remain closed or diverted, maps are available on request.

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**The Highways Agency is working with the industry and road users to reduce the risks of working on the roads.**

For the safety of roadworkers and all road users, when you are approaching roadworks:

- 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.