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NEW SOUTH DEVON HIGHWAY OPENS TO TRAFFIC!



Photo: FINAL PREPARATIONS TAKE PLACE TO THE SOUTH DEVON HIGHWAY

Last night, after more than 60 years in the planning, the South Devon Highway opened to traffic.

In an overnight operation which took several hours to complete, the last works to the main road were carried out on the construction project. This involved a temporary closure of Hamelin Way to remove the roundabout at Kerswell Gardens, undertake white lining and remove barriers and cones.

In a joint effort with Devon and Cornwall Police, the project team opened the road, with the first vehicles travelling north on the new 5.5km road. Senior council representatives attended this historic moment and were able to explain the night's events to the local media.

The opening operation took place overnight to ensure it was safely managed and this morning commuters will find themselves travelling on a new dual carriageway which has taken just over three years to construct.

Road users will quickly become familiar with the new route which is intended to provide more reliable journey times on the route between South Devon and the rest of the county. To help motorists understand the new junctions, diagrams are available here www.southdevonlinkroad.co.uk/news/diagrams-released-motorists

Just before we opened the new road we were able to film another video flythrough in the first week of December. The video has been produced by Matt Cranfield of Skyflicks. It contains a series of blends showing how the road has transformed over the last eight months, and can be seen on our website here www.southdevonlinkroad.co.uk/news/our-latest-video-fly-through

In other sections of the project, surfacing work has just been completed on Yon Street and Maddacombe Road, and work in the area surrounding the South Devon Highway will continue well into 2016. Now the main road is open the old A380 is expected to become much quieter, which will allow major tie-in works to proceed at the junction with the newly extended Aller Brake Road, formerly known as the Romany Jones lay-by.

Elsewhere, tie-in work will continue on the new twin roundabouts at Hazel Bank and Langford, as well as at the main Aller Roundabout on the old A380. These are just part of an extensive programme of works being carried out on several other minor roads. An extensive landscaping programme is also underway out along the length of the project and will continue through the winter months. **A formal opening ceremony is planned when the project is fully complete.**

In a separate programme Devon County Council will embark on a series of road enhancements to the old A380 as it passes through the village of Kingskerswell. Details can be found on our website here: www.southdevonlinkroad.co.uk/consultation

In other news, last month the project's environmental record was recognised at an awards ceremony held at the Houses of Parliament, where we received a Gold Award in the prestigious Green Apple Environment Awards. This was in recognition of the project's waste management policy. The material extracted on site has been re-used on site, either as fill or stone facing for many of the structures, reducing the link road project's carbon footprint and minimising our environmental impacts.

With the opening of the highway, the project team will now begin scaling down its operations. Staff will remain on site until 23rd December when the project team will shut down for its Christmas break, to return on Monday, 4th January. From this date any enquiries can still be made to the main Galliford Try site office on 01626 233000.

Now that the South Devon Highway is open to traffic, this December monthly bulletin will be our final issue. We hope you have found the bulletins useful. The number of people subscribing to the bulletins has risen steadily to almost 2,000 since the early days of the project, giving people access to the latest construction and travel news. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents, road users and businesses who have made contact with us over the past three years.

Finally the entire project team would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous 2016. We hope the new South Devon Highway will bring the much hoped-for economic regeneration to South Devon and the wider community.

Communications

- Until 23rd December the Galliford Try Public Liaison Officer Tracey Waygood can be contacted on 01626 233027 or by email to: A380.SDLR@gallifordtry.co.uk
- From 4th January 2016 please address any questions to the site office on 01626 233000, by post to South Devon Link Road Site office, Old Newton Road, Kingskerswell, Devon TQ12 5LB or by email to A380.SDLR@gallifordtry.co.uk
- The project website is available at: www.southdevonlinkroad.co.uk



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total cost of the South Devon Link Road is estimated to be £110m. The Department for Transport paid £76.39m towards the project. The balance was shared equally between Torbay Council and Devon County Council. Teignbridge District Council made a £500k contribution.