

Winter

NEWS UPDATE

South Devon Link Road Project



Construction phase

Welcome to the latest edition of the South Devon Link Road newsletter. Firstly, we would like to introduce ourselves. We are Galliford Try, the contractor appointed to build the road over the next few years. As construction has started, we've taken over the newsletters to ensure you can track the progress made and receive important updates.

We'll also be producing regular bulletins that will provide more information on what's planned and progress so far.

Our Public Liaison Officer, Tracey Waygood is happy to meet with residents to discuss any questions and concerns. You can contact Tracey by calling **01626 357729** or email **A380.SDLR@gallifordtry.co.uk**

In addition, you can visit the website **www.southdevonlinkroad.co.uk** where we'll be posting news on current and forthcoming activity. This website is currently under review and will be updated in early 2013.

What's happened so far?

Since the last newsletter, we've made significant progress on the South Devon Link Road Project. Although this may not always be visible to the general public, there are around 60 staff working on the scheme. Most of the newly formed team of construction and office based staff are based locally in Newton Abbot.

Works to prepare the planned route have started, including site investigation and clearance, demolition of derelict buildings, and archaeological work has unearthed some interesting finds. We shall be covering this in more detail in a later newsletter.

The removal of trees and shrubs has begun at both ends of the project, supervised by our ecologists. Residents and motorists may have seen this taking place along Addison Road, Torquay Road and in the Edginswell Lane area. The safety of residents, motorists and pedestrians is of prime importance at all times, but especially during this stage so this type of work is always carried out in conjunction with professional advisers.

The demolition of some of the derelict buildings has now taken place and we have ensured that protected species, such as bats, have access to new specially constructed roosts and bat boxes.

Public exhibitions

Thank you to everyone who came to the public exhibition events in September. Over 1100 people attended and provided us with valuable feedback, while we took the opportunity to answer the many questions people have about the scheme. For answers to some of the most frequently asked questions, please visit our website:

www.southdevonlinkroad.co.uk

Community Liaison Group

Following the public exhibitions, a Community Liaison Group has been created with representatives from across the area. Residents, commuters and businesses will meet regularly with members of the project team throughout the duration of the scheme.

The group has been set up to enable us to address local concerns and provide important information and updates. It will help us to ensure the project proceeds smoothly, with the minimum impact and disruption to all concerned.

More information about the work of the group and minutes of meetings will be published on the South Devon Link Road website.

What's going to happen next?

Construction timeline

As we move through the project, the timeline will be continually updated and developed. The full version will be available on the South Devon Link Road website.

Key dates

January 2013

Boundary fencing works commence throughout the project.

Temporary closure of Torquay bound bus stop at Penn Inn (January 2013 through to Easter 2013).

Penn Inn /Addison Road – wall construction commences.

St. Luke's Road / Aller Park Road – wall construction commences.

Off road works commence in Sainsbury's car park and by the Filling Station.

February 2013

Wall construction commences alongside the Sainsbury's Store.

Underground utility work commences through Addison Road.

March 2013

Removal of vegetation in the Aller Cross area.

Aller Brake Road southwards to Aller Cottages – wall construction commences adjacent to railway.

Health and Safety is a key priority throughout the project and is an intrinsic part of our planning, especially as the volume of heavy machinery and vehicles on the site increase. We will also be visiting local schools to speak to children about the dangers of construction sites.

During construction work we will be working hard to ensure local businesses can operate on a 'business as usual' basis.

Keeping in touch

As well as the Public Exhibitions and setting up the Community Liaison Group, Tracey and other members of the project team have been busy attending local parish meetings and talking with residents who are directly affected by the project.

Galliford Try is currently based in an interim office located in Newton Abbot whilst the new site is being constructed. Once our new offices are ready in April, we will be happy to welcome visitors by appointment.

Last word

If you'd like to get in touch, or if there's something you'd like us to cover in future editions of the newsletter, please let us know.

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