



A602 Improvement Scheme

Project Newsletter
September 2020

Section B – Watton-at-Stone to Tonwell

Welcome

This is the A602 Improvement Scheme newsletter, providing updates for the section of works between Watton-at-Stone and Tonwell.

Project Update

- Earthworks started, cut and fill works along drainage basin between Heath Mount School and Whempstead Road
- Continued topsoil stripping for archaeological searches and mapping
- Further boundary fence installation
- Excavation on A119 roundabout to create new embankment for widening the road



Excavation of drainage attenuation pond opposite Heath Mount School

Upcoming Traffic Management

- Sacombe Pound closed Aug 2020 - Feb 2021 between the junction of Sacombe Green Road to A602 Ware Road
- Ware Road, from A602/A119 roundabout to Watton House Lodge will be closed until 30 Sep
- A602 closed from A119 roundabout to Stoneyhills 10pm 30 Oct – 5am 2 Nov

Other works in the area

- Ringway are doing refurbishment works at Sacombe Pound bridge between 8am – 4pm daily from 28 Sep – 16 Oct. This work should not affect the carriageway.
- Eurovia are resurfacing the A119 from the A119/A602 roundabout to B1000 Welwyn Road overnight, meaning a full closure will be in place from 8pm Mon 28 Sept to 5am on Tues 29 Sept.

Meet the Contractor Event

While we review the recent guideline changes for Covid 19, we are postponing an event for members of the public to meet with the contractor and Project Team about the ongoing works. We will keep you updated on what is planned. Please use www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/a602 to keep up to date with the works.

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Ecology Update

Our Project Ecologists have been working hard to manage works to protect species affected by the works:

- Before the winter hibernation period, we have been moving Roman Snails from their habitats to relocate them outside of the construction area.
- Remaining trees that must be felled in the works area are being checked for roosting bats before removal.
- We have been granted a licence from Natural England to close off an old outlier badger sett which has been fenced off with one-way gates.



Whilst these works happen:

- All vegetation and ecology works are completed under the supervision of a qualified ecologist
- The project is delivering no net biodiversity loss – overall, we are extending habitats and improving ecological connectivity
- We are building an ecology tunnel under the new A602 to provide a safe road crossing on existing ecology routes

All ecology and landscape documents can be found on the planning portal.

School Service Update – Sacombe

Transport for school children in Sacombe has been arranged during the closure of Sacombe Pound. The duplicate 384 service will run to the Cottages stop and pick up from there. The departure time will be 07:30.

For the safety of all involved, please can those using the service wait until the driver calls them forward before boarding.

Winter Gritting

The winter gritting team are hard at work, preparing routes for the upcoming winter months. We are working closely with them to ensure that roads affected by the A602 works are considered in their plans.

The details of routes will be published on the A602 website and one.network.

Want to know more?

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If you have any questions or queries about the Scheme then please email us directly:

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