

A Team Approach to Delivery and Community.

Since I wrote last month the weather has been improving daily and work is flying along. In the last month we have completed the 3 piers and the abutments for the Port Road Bridge and have started to progress with the structure. Beams, up to 32 tonnes, are arriving on site every day and being put into place and we will soon be in a position to start filling in to create the banks. Only half the bridge piers will be used and visible with one side wrapped, protected and covered for use in future years. In 40 years this way of working will mean the rest of the bridge can be exposed and put into use for when the town's expansion will mean a need for a wider road. When this happens the buried part of the structure will be uncovered to allow for more lanes.



The cutting of the new road has now been completed and the next stage has started. A fantastic piece of machinery is cutting precisely the width and depth we need and as this progresses we start filling with stone. This material is a blend of 50% granite and 50% recycled tarmac planings, which are brought in daily. To date we have laid approximately 6000 tonnes of this material.

Working in extremely dry weather conditions does mean we have to contend with dust as the land is so dry. Throughout this project we

have been implementing on site dust suppression. There are 2 road sweepers in use on all adjacent roads on a daily basis. A water douser is sprinkling the site with water taken from Harlestone Quarry. All lorries are covered and we are ensuring that this is maintained and all drivers are aware. Over the last month over a 100 lorry movements a day have been removing material from the site but this is decreasing daily as the road really starts to take shape. We endeavor to do all we can to keep the debris to a minimum and will ensure the site is left completely safe and clean once work is complete.



The excess excavated material from SLIN is suitable for recycling and is being taken to the quarry. The rest of the material has been used to re-contour the site and banks.

Many of you will have seen the ongoing work in and around the balancing pond and this is now just about complete. Over the last month much of the material has been taken to tip which has allowed us to line the enormous pond with a protective membrane and liner. The extra work, which took place towards the end of June and start of July, was for the installation of the

equipment which filters any excess water from the road. This removes oil and debris from the



water before being allowed into the balancing pond. The shape and the levels of the pond are agreed on site and the next step is to start adding top soil to allow plants and wildlife to take up habitat. Installation of the out and inlets are ongoing at this time.



Storm water drains, or batter drains, will take water from grass slopes of the cuts of the road allowing the rain water to flow into the filter drain in the carriageway verge. These are now complete and we are just finishing off work on the filter and carrier drains throughout the site.

The traffic lights are now down at Nobottle roundabout and drainage construction is well under way. We are continuing to dig out the road this end and we will start to excavate the roundabout early August. At this time we will also start to install new street lights.

Harlestone Road is currently having work done to provide more drainage for the new roundabout.

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As part of this Carillion have been working with St Luke's Primary School in Duston and have donated top soil for the school garden. The children were thrilled to see the lorries and can now get to work on their garden. Mrs Edmonds- Phelan, the Head teacher said " The children will gain so much from this designing, creating and then using the garden. Your contribution has shown yet another link for the pupils to recognise how businesses can support schools and, how local partnerships can be formed."

Again, we leave you with the message that this is a live and busy site. As always we ask you to respect residents who have access drives along these roads and are entering or leaving their



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properties. We are urging all road users to drive with due care and attention and reduce speeds to 30mph when alongside the site.

To receive a monthly update newsletter please email info@mgwsp.co.uk .

The newsletter and further information is also available at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/SandyLane.

We want to do our best for you and help whenever we can. Paul is on site every day and can be contacted on 07771 834187 if you have any queries or need advice.

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