

## M11 Junction 7A

Construction Phase Newsletter

Issue no. 2



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Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure*

### A message from Cllr Kevin Bentley.

Welcome to the second issue of the M11 Junction 7A newsletter.

Over the summer we have seen the main works on the new M11 Junction 7A start in earnest and I am very pleased that, working closely with our contractor, GRAHAM, we have been able to introduce additional safety measures to enable the team to stay on schedule during the current situation with Covid-19.

Our initial activity to widen Gilden Way is going well and I would like to thank you for your patience while the tricky four-way traffic management was in place at London Road Roundabout.

In the coming days, the project enters the next stage and will become more visible to M11 users, with the first elements of work taking place close to the motorway and the first offline earthworks due to start in November.

This will really start to demonstrate the scale of what is one of the biggest infrastructure investments for Essex in many years, supporting economic growth and prosperity as well as easing congestion, making journeys safer and providing additional public transport opportunities together with increased walking and cycling.

As things progress, we will be posting pictures on our website <http://www.essex.gov.uk/junction7a> and via social media as well as continuing to provide regular updates directly to you so you can stay up to date with this transformational scheme.

For more information visit:  
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## Gilden Way Works Progress

### Gilden Way

A significant amount of progress has been made along Gilden Way, as the carriageway widening works continue. Along the eastbound carriageway, we have installed drainage, kerbs, footpaths, signage and have excavated and begun creating the new carriageway.

Trees and vegetation has been cleared at Churchgate roundabout and along Gilden Way to make way for the works and this was carried out recently to avoid the bird nesting season.

These works will continue along the eastbound carriageway before moving on to the westbound side over the coming weeks.

### M11

Hard shoulder closures along the M11 were installed on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September and will be in place for the majority of the project, as we use the lanes to carry out surveys, site clearance and to allow access and egress for site vehicles.

A night time closure of both the northbound and southbound lane 2 and 3 carriageways was carried out to enable us to carry out ducting works.

Earthworks have also commenced offline and will continue for the foreseeable future as the ground is prepared for the new carriageway.

Archaeological works are also taking place and are expected to complete around the end of September.

Works to the Sheering Hall underpass under the M11, are also due to commence around the start of December.



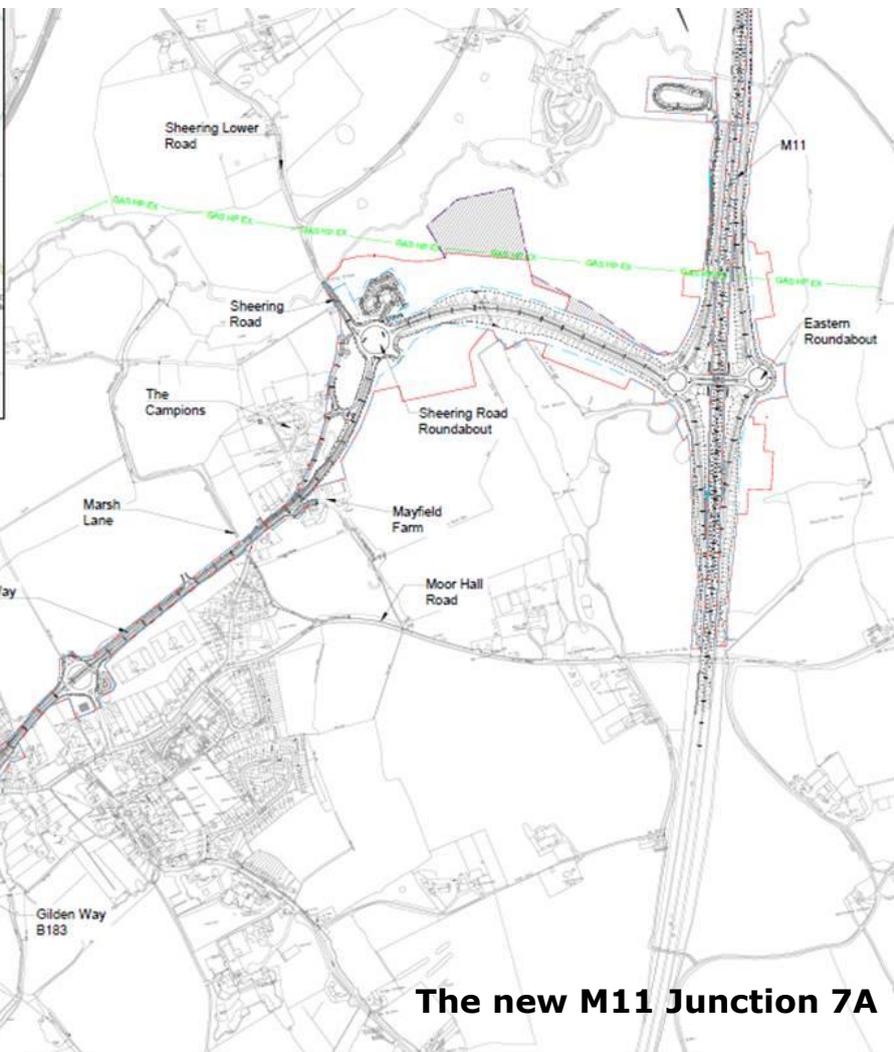
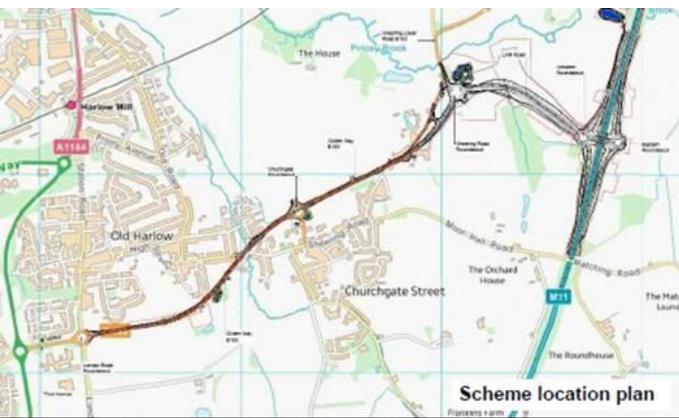
Gilden Way Carriageway Construction Preparation



Drainage Kerbs Installed Along Gilden Way



Archaeological Works Taking Place



## The new M11 Junction 7A

### OUR COMMITMENTS

- Work with our neighbours to reduce the impact our work has on local business and the community
- Ensure the traffic management system is in place and maintain a safe working environment at all times
- Monitor noise, vibration and dust to ensure they are kept within the permitted levels
- Support the local community through employment, buying from local suppliers and proactive stakeholder engagement

### CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME

This site is registered under the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) and as Partners, GRAHAM is committed to improving the image of the construction industry by striving to promote and achieve best practice at all our sites under the following code:

- Enhancing the **Appearance**
- Respecting the **Community**
- Protecting the **Environment**
- Securing everyone's **Safety**
- Caring for the **Workforce**



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