

M11 Junction 7A

Construction Phase Newsletter

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Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure*

A message from Cllr Kevin Bentley.

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

Since the last newsletter, we have seen a tightening of restrictions because of Covid-19. However, as a critical improvement project, I am pleased to say we have been able to continue work on the scheme, with strict safety procedures and protocols in place.

Of course, the safety of our team is paramount and we will continue to monitor the situation, but it is great news that our contractor GRAHAM has been able to stay on schedule.

I would like to thank all of you for your patience with the works on Gilden Way because we fully appreciate that all road delays or disturbance are a frustration.

In recent weeks this has been exacerbated on a couple of occasions because of incidents elsewhere causing a knock-on impact on traffic. To help the situation, GRAHAM is monitoring and improving the traffic management on an ongoing basis.

One of the questions you have put to us is why the area for the works cannot be shorter, so reducing the length of the traffic management. This is always a balance, but by carrying out the widening works in 300m sections GRAHAM can make progress and complete the widening quicker than they would if they were working in shorter sections.

The new footway / cycleway from London Road roundabout is now partially complete and, over the weeks as the Gilden Way works continue to take shape, we will really start to see the improvements for pedestrians and cyclists which, of course, is an important part of the overall scheme.

As ever you can keep up to date with progress through the project website and if you have any questions please contact the team.

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Gilden Way Works Progress

Gilden Way

Further progress has been made along Gilden Way, as we continue to construct the widening of the road. More kerbs, drainage and signage have been installed whilst we have also excavated more areas, ready to begin the construction of the new road surface.

Surfacing work between London Road and Churchgate roundabout will continue throughout 2021 alongside the installation of new street lighting, drainage and traffic signals.

4-way temporary traffic lights are now in place on the Churchgate roundabout, as our works have moved into the area.

These lights, along with the temporary lights along Gilden Way, will be removed for the Christmas break from Friday 18th December and reinstated on Monday 4th January.

M11

Earthworks for the new link road have begun and we have also installed piling platforms on either side of the the overbridge embankments.

To help ensure the safety of both site staff and customers on the M11, we have installed temporary vehicle barriers as well as CCTV and speed cameras. Narrow running lanes have also been installed and we expect these to be in place until at least August of 2021.

A number of signs and communications cabinets have also been removed, in preparation for future works.

Hard shoulder closures along the M11 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.



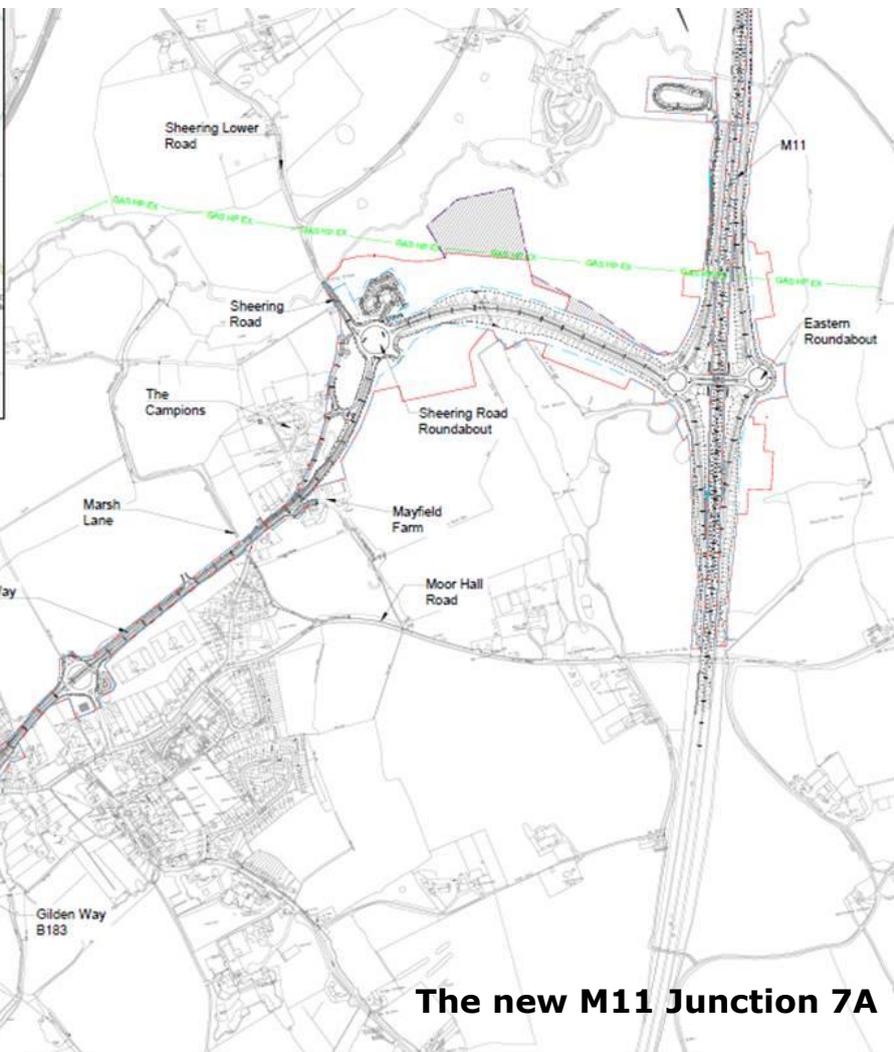
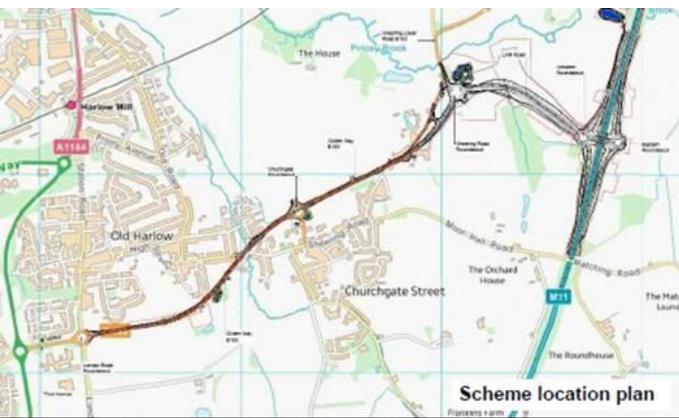
New Drainage Kerbs Along Gilden Way



Work Taking Place on Churchgate Roundabout



Piling Works Taking Place on the M11 Embankments



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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