

Community Update on the S278 Evesham Roundabout Stratford-upon-Avon



What is happening with the scheme and why the delay?

As the community is aware, this complex project has experienced significant delays to its original completion date. This has been due to a number of factors some of which are listed below:

- Extreme weather (and other upstream works) has seen numerous flooding of the works .
- The requirement of additional emergency utilities works and diversions.
- Additional ground investigation works unexpectedly being required.
- Awaiting design amendment and approval on a number of issues .
- Unexpected requirement to divert **an existing foul sewer** after uncovering a buried chamber.

We are anticipating that the scheme will be completed by the end of October, and all traffic management and restrictions will be removed from the highway. The community will see the benefit in a number of ways:

- The area was once prone to flooding, the chances of this occurring in the future are greatly reduced due to the flood compensation area being installed by Montel.
- The new layout of the road will see a reduction in traffic waiting times.
- Landscaping in the area will improve the overall look of the area, while offering a haven for local wildlife.

Are more road closures expected?

Yes, we will be required to close Luddington Road **for a short period** to enable us to undertake the final surfacing of the road. Exact dates to be communicated to the community via advanced warning signage and letter drop before the works begin.

Montel Civil Engineering would like to apologise to the community for not having a member of the onsite team available to attend the community forum event on the 31st of July 2023 due to pre-booked annual leave and unexpected critical illness. We all fully appreciate that this scheme has been extremely disruptive for the local community. We would like to apologise to the residents and travelling public for the inconvenience and finally thank you for your ongoing continued support.

Project update information

Outstanding works to be completed over the coming weeks:

Culvert works:

- Installation of mammal shelves.
- Installation of parapet fencing and guardrails.
- Brickwork facing to sheet piled retaining wall (northern culvert).

Existing pedestrian crossing point on Luddington Road:

- Clearance of vegetation and removal of tree is due to be undertaken on the 11th September.
- Due to traffic management restrictions, Installation of dropped kerbs is required to take place after the completion of the main works.

Further works within the project program to be completed:

- The brook diversion works have now been successfully completed.
- The eastern tie-in works on Evesham Road have been scheduled to take place in September.
- The western tie-in works on Evesham Road is currently 60% complete, the remaining works are to be completed when the traffic flow changes to northern lane.
- Final resurfacing on Luddington Road will require a full road closure of Luddington Road, this will be undertaken at the end of the contract.
- Final resurfacing on Evesham Road will be undertaken once the closure to resurface Luddington Road has been completed.
- Landscaping works are currently underway and completion will be after remaining structural works are completed, hedgerow planting will be undertaken at the end of the scheme.
- Installation of the timber posts and four rail boundary fencing will be undertaken once the service track is completed.
- Completion of drainage works is expected within the next few weeks.
- Completion of footways and private driveway works is currently on hold as we are awaiting outstanding design information, once received this will be undertaken.
- Traffic signs and road markings are scheduled to be put in place at the end of the contract, though posts for road signage have been installed in preparation for this.

Upcoming Activities:

- A follow up resident meeting to the meeting held on 31st of July is scheduled for 20th of September 2023, this will take place at The Stratford Racecourse at 17:30. (Montel will be in attendance)
- Luddington Road closure for final **resurfacing, specific dates** are still to be confirmed, once known this will be communicated to the community.
- A stage 3 Road safety audit is to be carried out at the end of the project.

Communications:

Updates are available via the link below every two weeks:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/major-transport-construction-projects/evesham-road-b439>

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