

A38 Derby junctions

Newsletter issue 5 – Summer 2016

Welcome to our fifth issue of the A38 Derby junctions newsletter which is designed to keep you informed as the proposed scheme progresses.

Update

During the summer season we are as busy as ever. Our archaeological surveys are nearly complete and the ground investigation surveys are in progress. Our next step is to begin the water monitoring

surveys, which are due to start in September 2016. As such, you may have seen some equipment on land within the area of the proposed scheme route on our network. Please be aware that you may see further equipment in the area until the completion of these surveys. These surveys are very important as they assist in informing the team on how to design the proposed structures and earthworks for the scheme. We'd like to thank all the landowners who have worked with our team and allowed us to complete these surveys on their land for their assistance.

Engagement

We have held three stakeholder reference group meetings with Breadsall and Little Eaton Parish Councils and other local stakeholders to discuss the options for the Little Eaton junction. We will continue with these meetings as a channel to understand how the scheme may affect the communities within the area and to keep locals informed about the scheme progress. We have also met with the Mackworth councillors and some businesses affected by the scheme and we continue to engage with Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council through regular steering group meetings. We are also aiming to meet with home owners affected by the scheme at the end of August 2016.

We will continue to provide our quarterly newsletters. If you know someone who would benefit from

receiving these newsletters, please let us know. Our aim is to keep everyone informed of the latest information on the scheme where possible. Details of how to contact us are at the end of this newsletter.



University of Derby

The ecology team from AECOM, our design consultants, visited the University of Derby to impart their knowledge at a lecture in April 2016.

The aim of the session was to show students the extent of employment possibilities as ecological consultants. Two members of the team were asked to talk about their experience of working for AECOM and explained the advantages of working for a very large multi-disciplinary company, and the variety of work that is on offer. They used the example of the A38 Derby junctions scheme, which the ecology team of Nottingham has been working on relentlessly for the past 18 months. The team explained how the Ecological Impact Assessment was put together from start to finish, detailing the different skills and aspects required for the completion of the task, including:

- the importance of project management (budget and time trackers)
- the health and safety aspect
- the background work with the desk study undertaken in the office
- planning for surveys and the variety of the survey work (bats, great crested newts, reptiles, terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, water voles, otters and birds)

- the importance of keeping up with innovative survey techniques (environmental DNA, thermal imaging, etc.)
- Ground Investigation Survey (GIS) mapping
- reporting
- the importance of keeping the stakeholders in the loop

The A38 Derby junctions scheme was an appropriate example due to its proximity to the university, and questions were flowing by the end of the lecture. It was a great opportunity for the students to gain a unique insight into the day-to-day life of an ecologist. At the same time, it was very rewarding for the team to be able to share their passion and inspire the next generation.



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