

A47 Norfolk schemes

Quarterly newsletter
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Update on the A47 Norwich schemes

We have received notification that an appeal on the court's decision to reject the claims in the judicial review of our three Norwich schemes has been submitted.

What does this mean?

The Court of Appeal must now decide whether to grant the claimant permission to appeal. National Highways will be taking all necessary steps to challenge the application.



Next steps

To avoid any further delays, we can continue to carry out early preparation work, such as archaeology, compound set up and utility diversions, on the schemes while we await the court's decision.

We stand by our plan to deliver these important schemes and remain confident they can deliver significant improvements to both safety and congestion on the A47, as well as providing a significant boost to the regional economy.

For more information, please visit www.nationalhighways.co.uk/a47corridor

A47 Tuddenham to Easton

On our A47 Tuddenham to Easton scheme, we have been carrying out several bits of preparation work. This includes diverting:

- water
- power
- gas
- BT cabling.

We are now ready to start constructing our main site compound.

Currently, archaeological surveys are being done at three different locations along the project. This allows us to thoroughly survey the area, record any findings, and report them.

We have also cleared some vegetation. We've made sure that this took place outside of the bird nesting season to avoid disturbing them, in compliance with the necessary environmental regulations.

For more information on this project, please visit:

www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A47Tuddenham

A47 Blofield to North Burlingham



Work is currently underway on our A47 Blofield to North Burlingham scheme.

Last month, we implemented temporary road closures to allow for vegetation clearance and the construction of an entrance to our site compound.

To ensure continued access for the allotments and Norwich Camping and Leisure during the construction period, we have created a temporary car park and paved a path along Yarmouth Road.

We are also in the process of planning various utility diversions, including water, power, and gas.

Archaeological surveys will be taking place shortly to avoid the bird nesting season.

For more information on this project and any road closures, please visit:

www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A47Blofield

Or email a47news@gallifordtry.co.uk

Environmental management on our schemes

We continue to promote the conservation, protection, and improvement of the environment within our schemes, and have identified practical steps we can take to reduce the scheme's environmental impacts.

As part of our best practice, we have implemented a permit process called "Permit to Clear" for vegetation clearance.

This process involves collaboration between engineers, site agents, on-site managers, ecologists, and our environmental team.

Together, they grant permits for various types of vegetation clearance, such as:

- hedgerows
- grass
- riverbanks
- trees.

This permit has been brought in to limit the ecological risks involved in vegetation clearance. This ensures that we are complying with regulations and keeping protected species safe.

On our Tuddenham to Easton scheme, we have hired an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECOW) who will oversee any ecological works on the scheme.

On our Blofield to North Burlingham scheme, an ecologist on the scheme found a wood pigeon nest. We immediately put up exclusion zones, and our ecologists will continue to monitor the nest activity every week to ensure the birds are not disturbed.



Working with communities

Beach clean

In September, we celebrated Great British Beach Clean Week by heading down to Winterton beach in Norfolk.



Despite the very windy conditions, our team spent a couple of hours out on the shore, and we managed to collect an impressive four bags of rubbish. As part of our commitment to supporting the local areas we work in, we have scheduled another beach clean in October at Caister-on-Sea.

Our work with prisoners

We are working alongside Norwich prisons to explore ways in which we can assist prison leavers in finding full-time employment after their release. As a team, we offer monthly support in the following areas:

- writing CVs
- providing career guidance and support
- assisting with job hunting
- improving their presentation skills
- facilitating mentoring circles.

To date, we have engaged with more than 30 prisoners, and we will continue our efforts throughout the entire construction timeline.

For more information, or if you wish to get us involved with your community or local event, please email a47news@gallifordtry.co.uk

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