



#### » Work to date

Works are continuing to progress across all sections of the project. As we fast approach the winter months with the changing weather, along with shorter days and longer nights, we are continuing to review and assess our works in line with Government advice and guidance, placing the safety of our workforce and the public as top priority.

Works are progressing and, as is stands, we are still on track to complete the scheme early 2022.







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#### » Winnersh Relief Road



Vacuum excavation works being carried out in line with social distancing guidelines



New temporary site access by the BP garage on Reading Road where existing underground utilities are being lowered



Foundation of the new northern roundabout (north of the M4) under construction



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#### » Old Forest Road



Ground preparaton for caissons which will be used for the foundation of the new footbridges in the Emmbrook watercourse



Delivery of concrete rings to be assembled



Concrete pour in assembled caisson







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A caisson foundation is most often used in the construction of bridge piers and other structures that require foundations beneath rivers and other waterbodies. It is a prefabricated hollow box or cylinder sunk into the ground to the desired depth and then filled with concrete thus forming a foundation.



Flood alleviation scheme in progress at the corner of Old Forest Road and Toutley Road

#### » West of Old Forest Road





Finished embankment leading to the new railway bridge. The embankment is 8m higher than the original ground. The finished level of the embankment is expected to be at the same level as the M4 as this is the height required to clear the railway



Sheet piling being installed



Sheet piling installation completed. The system will protect the railway during the new bridge piling work







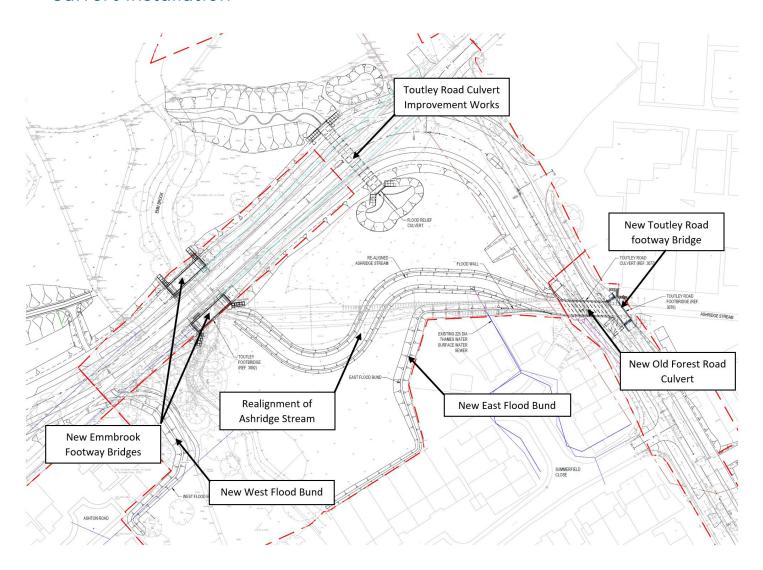
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Rotary excavation for the piles is progressing. Piling work is taking place on both sides of the railway simultaneously. The tall blue cranes can be seen from the Reading Road and surrounding area

#### » Culvert installation









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From left to right, clockwise: delivery; crane lifting



Joint installation



Finished section of flood culvert

## » Upcoming works

These tables show planned works, split by section of road, between now and end of this project. of Please note these are indicative dates and are subject to change at short notice due to reasons beyond our control

### » Did you know?

The total amount of new utility ducting we are installing as part of this project is 11.5km as well as 3.8km of new drainage pipes

Winnersh Relief Road Phase 2 (Longdon Road to Reading Road)			
Brief description of works	Estimated Timeline		
Kerbs	November 2020		
Surfacing	November - December 2020		
Expected completion	Fnd of December 2020		





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Old Forest Road				
Brief description of works	Estimated Timeline			
Installation of new footbridges across the Emmbrook, installation of new flood relief culvert	September - October 2020			
Earthworks and site clearance to allow way for main construction	September 2020 - January 2021			
Laying of kerbs	January 2021			
Installation of drainage	December 2020 - March 2021			
Road surfacing	February - March 2021			
Switch over to Toutley Road	End of March 2021			

West of Old Forest Road				
Brief description of works	Estimated Timeline			
Piling work	October - December 2020			
Installation of abutments - see description underneath	December 2020			
Bridge preparation	November 2020 - January 2021			
Crane lifting and installation of steel beams	January - February 2021			
Installation of wing walls - see description underneath	January - March 2021			
Installation of bridge deck by phased concrete pours	March - May 2021			
Expected completion	June 2021			

Toutley Road			
Brief description of works	Estimated Timeline		
Main construction	March 2021 - March 2022		
Expected completion of overall scheme	March 2022		

### » Upcoming traffic management & road closures

Period	Peak/off-peak	Location	Section of road	Description of works	
October - December 2020	Off-peak	Reading Road junction with Woodward Close	Temporary traffic lights		
Please note: Overnight works over three nights (8pm - 6am) are planned commencing 9th November on the Reading Road by the BP station and Woodward Close to accommodate a change of traffic management layout.					
September 2020 - March 2021	Full road closure	Old Forest Road	Full road closure		
April 2021 - November 2021	Full road closure	Toutley Road	Full road closure		

Daily public safety will remain a priority, as will access to the Emergency Services. Additionally, access for local residents will remain open at all times.







As we draw closer to the winter months, our construction site will be lit to allow us to continue working during darker hours. Lights will be turned off during the night. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience and kindly ask you to bear with us whilst these essential works are carried out.

#### Council relaunches traffic and travel social media to keep residents up to speed

Wokingham Borough Council's 'Traffic and Travel' social media accounts, dedicated to keeping residents up to speed with the roadworks around the borough that may affect their journey times, have been relaunched this month. You can follow the council's traffic and travel 'social pages by visiting www.facebook.com/WokinghamRoadWorks and www.twitter.com/TrafficAlert





Also, for more information on roadworks you can visit **one.network**, an online platform which provides the latest information about upcoming works.

#### **CONTACT US**

If you know of anyone in your local community who does not have access to the internet but would like to receive this e-newsletter, please let us know. Wokingham Borough Council, in partnership with Balfour Beatty have a dedicated project team should you have any questions or concerns. E-mail us at **NWDR@balfourbeatty.com** or telephone **0800 121 4444.** 

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