



## **A284 Lyminster Bypass (North) – Progress Update**

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This is the latest monthly newsletter updating you on progress made in the construction of the Lyminster Bypass. We hope you find it useful, but please contact us if there is anything you would like more information on or if you would like to give us any feedback.

### **Traffic Management – Delays Expected**

Please be aware that from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, BT Openreach will be commencing works on Lyminster Road. These are essential works required for the delivery of Lyminster Bypass. Unfortunately, delays are likely, but in order to minimise the impact on local residents and commuters, the works are being progressed as fast as possible and as such include night works. There will be 2-way traffic lights present on Lyminster Road until 10<sup>th</sup> November. This will be approximately 300 meters north of the site entrance <https://what3words.com/grills.stepping.stowing>

Below are the scheduled dates for the traffic management:

- From Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October until 17<sup>th</sup> October – 2-way traffic lights will be present from 9:30am to 3:30pm
- From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> October on weeknights 2-way traffic lights will be in place from 7:00pm to 6:00am
- From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 2-way traffic lights will be present from 9:30am to 3:30pm

### **North of the Ancient Hedgerow**

Following on from last month's newsletter, the settlement of the embankment is being continuously monitored, although slowing, it is not yet at a suitable level to start building on. The added soil (surcharge), currently being used to compact the soil underneath, is planned to be taken off this year. We will then reassess when the next section of the road can be built up. Chalk at the base of the embankment has been taken for Waste Acceptance Criteria testing to determine where it will be sent after use.



*Image 2 Embankment with surcharge.*



*Image 1 Chalk sample taken for WAC testing.*

### **Ancient Hedgerow to Bridleway**

At the northern pond, tree pits have been placed to ensure that planted trees will have nutrient soil to grow in and an access track has been made for drainage maintenance. For the fully tarmacked 250m stretch of road, gullies have been cut out, ensuring surface water drainage. Gullies are made up of a metal grid at the road level (usually next to the kerb) and a pot below where the water gathers. They have an outlet that connects to the drainage pipes to ensure rainwater is moved from the road to a nearby pond / swale / ditch. Our team at Jackson's have also used grass seed on our soil stockpiles, reducing the amount of dust released during the works.



*Image 1 Access track for northern pond.*



*Image 2 Road gully without grating.*

### **Bridleway to Black Ditch**

Working through September's record-breaking heatwave, all bridge beams have now been successfully landed using the 700t mobile crane. The 121 beams were transported to site from Ireland using 55 oversized, extra-long lorries.



*Image 3 Swale for storm drainage.*



*Image 4 Beams in position.*

### **South of Black Ditch**

With a recent downfall of rain, the southern pond has been put to use, demonstrating its tiered design. Aquatic plant seeds will later be spread in the base of the pond to increase biodiversity.

Boundary fencing has been put up from southern end of the road to Black Ditch, keeping as much of the natural vegetation as possible. Gates will be placed throughout for access between fields.

Four Boreholes, each 10-15m deep, have been dug to assess the composition of the ground and Cone Penetration Testing to record the geotechnical engineering properties of the soil.



*Image 7 Southern pond*

### **Community Project**

Back in June we installed a bench in Church Lane, as the old bench was starting to become frail and breaking in certain places. Many members of the community use the bench and with it being outside the church, it gets many visitors, especially during the summer. We installed the bench plaque on

26<sup>th</sup> September 2023, alongside parish councillor, Carol Hatton. This bench is complete, and we hope the community continue to enjoy this new structure in the area.



### Visitors' day

We held a visitor's morning on 13<sup>th</sup> September, this was on site for the local residents and stakeholders to view the works and beam installation. We took attendees, to a designated viewing area where the beam installation could be observed safely and without the need for Personal Protective Equipment you normally require to be on a working site. At this location, our general foreman provided a full explanation of the ongoing works and the progress made so far. We then walked the length of the project, with time for a question & answer session at the end.

For further information about the scheme please visit the Lyminster Bypass North page on West Sussex County Council's website:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/roadworks-and-projects/road-projects/lyminster-bypass-north/>

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