



A602 Improvement Scheme

Section B – Watton-at-Stone to Tonwell

Project Newsletter
April 2021

Project Update

- Whempstead Road has re-opened on a new temporary layout.
- Earthworks on the next section of the A602 realignment between Whempstead Road and Sacombe Farm access have started.
- Works around the Dane End Tributary continue. A Thames Water service has been diverted and earthworks to build up the embankments is underway before construction of the new bridge.
- Works to widen the south-west corner of the A119/A602 roundabout continue, creating space for the two lanes onto the enlarged roundabout.

Upcoming Traffic Management

Mon 19 April onwards: Whempstead Road open to traffic

Mon 19 – Fri 30 April: temporary multi-way lights at the A602/A119 Roundabout off-peak, 9.30am – 4pm each day

Fri 23 April onwards: Sacombe Pound closed to traffic

Sat 24 – Mon 26 April: weekend closure of A602 from east of Whempstead Road to Tonwell, 6am Saturday to 5am Monday

Mon 26 April – Fri 30 May: temporary multi-way lights at the A602/A119 Roundabout overnight, 8pm – 5am each night

Tues 4 – Fri 8 May: temporary multi-way lights at the A602/A119 Roundabout overnight, 8pm – 5am each night

Tues 4 – Fri 14 May: temporary two-way lights between Sacombe Pound and Stoneyhills off-peak, 9.30am - 4pm each day



Progress at the A119/A602 roundabout

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Whempstead Road Open

Whempstead Road has re-opened on a temporary road layout. The temporary road layout will be in place for several months. Further works will be required to complete the tie-ins when traffic can be moved from the old A602 alignment.



New junction layout of Whempstead Road with the A602

We are monitoring traffic at the junction and may make adjustment to the traffic management if required to ensure safety for all users.

Re-opening Whempstead Road allows Sacombe Pound to be closed. Works can then progress at the Dane End Tributary, where we are building a new bridge over the river and constructing a new junction where Sacombe Pound meets the A602. In addition, we will construct a cycle track to pass underneath the bridge.

You can contact the Project Team directly by email:

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Works begin on the cycle track

Works start this month on the new off-road cycle track, which will run on the south west side of the A602 from Stoneyhills junction and connect to Sacombe Pound, passing underneath the A602 at the new Dane End Bridge.

Initial works include tree trimming and vegetation clearance along the route, to ensure the area is safe for teams to work. Although some vegetation will need to be removed to build the track, a new woodland will be planted to benefit local wildlife.

Ecology works are supervised by a qualified ecologist to ensure no birds, nesting animals or protected wildlife are harmed.

When complete, the cycle track will link popular routes for walking and cycling in the area and provide a safe crossing under the A602 Ware Road.

Plan your journey

As restrictions ease, traffic levels are returning to pre-COVID levels. We advise checking your route and planning your journey before leaving home to help avoid any delays. You can find update to date information on roadworks on one.network

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