



A602 Improvement Scheme

Project Newsletter
August 2020

Section B – Watton-at-Stone to Tonwell

Welcome

This is the A602 Improvement Scheme newsletter, providing updates for the section of works between Watton-at-Stone and Tonwell.

Project Update

- Installation of a site compound at Whempstead Road
- Continued topsoil strips of flood plain area for archaeology searches
- Moving power network overhead pole to fit with the new road alignment
- Earthworks, vegetation clearance and installation of fencing continued

Upcoming Traffic Management

- Sacombe Pound closed August 2020 - February 2021 between the junction of Sacombe Green Road to A602 Ware Road
- Four-way traffic signals on A602/A119 roundabout from 24 – 26 August between 9.30am – 4pm each day
- C163 Ware Road, from A602/A119 roundabout to Watton House Lodge will be closed from 1 – 30 September 24 hours/day

Full details of traffic management and diversions are available on the [one.network](https://www.one.network) website.

Spade in the Ground

On Friday 14 August, members of Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership met to celebrate the start of construction on the Section B works.

It was an opportunity to see the progress since construction began in June and find out more about the scheme from Interserve Construction Ltd.

Phil Bibby, HCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment, said *“The county council’s investment in this scheme will keep Hertfordshire moving and ensure our highway network is fit for the future.”*

You can read more in the press release [here](#).



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Meet the Contractor

We are planning a 'Meet the Contractor' event in the coming months that will be held in Watton-at-Stone.

The event will be an opportunity for anyone to come along and find out more about the scheme, speak to the contractors and Project Team from the council, and ask any questions they may have.

To ensure social distancing is maintained we expect the event to be by **appointment only** and we will share all the relevant information: location, date, time, and how to book, closer to the time.

More details will be in the next newsletter and on the dedicated A602 [webpage](#).

Cycle Track Application Submission

We have submitted the planning application to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed A602 cycle track.

The LPA ran a period of formal consultation which is now closed, which offered another opportunity for organisations and members of the public to comment on the application. The feedback received will now be considered before the decision is made.

You can view all the relevant information on the application through the planning portal which is accessible by clicking [here](#).

In the meantime, we are supporting cyclists by signposting alternative diversion routes which avoid the roadworks and significantly reduce the length of diversions.

Success for Great Crested Newt Fencing

Great Crested Newts, identifiable by their yellow spotted underside, are a European protected species due to their declining numbers.

We have erected special fencing to protect their habitat and make sure they are not affected by the ongoing works.

Our ecology team found the fencing working well when Great Crested Newts were discovered and rehomed nearby in a safe location.



Want to know more?

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- Visiting our webpage: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/a602
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If you have any questions or queries about the Scheme then please email us directly: A602improvements@hertfordshire.gov.uk