



# A602 Improvement Scheme

## Section B – Watton-at-Stone to Tonwell

Project Newsletter  
December 2020

### Project Update

- Works to Sacombe Pound are complete, with the road re-open today
- New drainage at the A119 roundabout is currently being installed
- Utility diversions continue. Overhead electricity cables were placed underground at Stoneyhills and Affinity Water is moving its service in advance of the new A119 slip lane construction.

### Sacombe Pound Open

The road has been widened and temporary barriers have been installed on the northern edge protecting the embankments, to make the road safe for use for the travelling public.



Looking east up Sacombe Pound along the new temporary road layout

### Upcoming Traffic Management

Fri 18 Dec: Sacombe Pound re-opens

Mon 11 Jan: Whempstead Road closes for approximately twelve weeks, 24 hours a day

Mon 11 Jan – Sun 17 Jan: temporary traffic lights on A602 Ware Road near Heath Mount School, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Mon 25 Jan: temporary traffic lights on A602 Ware Road near Heath Mount School, 9.30am - 3.30pm

### Site Shutdown

The site will be closed from Thursday 24 December and reopen Monday 4 January 2021. There will be traffic management and security personnel on site throughout this period.

If there are any urgent matters relating to the A602 Improvements Scheme during this time we advise calling our Customer Services telephone: [0300 123 4040](tel:03001234040)

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## Day in the life

Celia Rodriguez is a civil engineer for Interserve Construction Ltd, and part of the team on site working to deliver the A602 Improvements.

*“This is the second highways scheme I’ve been involved with since I started working for Interserve. On a typical day I will be on site in the morning and then spend the afternoon in the office, although no two days are ever the same.*



*The role is to make sure that everything we do is to the highest quality. This includes following strict health and safety guidelines throughout the project, and that the construction work is carried out to excellent quality assurance standards.*

*Before any earthworks can start on site, we spend a significant amount of time carrying out tests to make sure that the ground is suitable to work on. I am responsible for arranging and overseeing this testing before works commence, and all the testing required afterwards to make sure the fill material complies with the works specification. This testing also ensures that we aren’t using any contaminated soil that could cause damage to the environment, human health or water sources.*

*I also keep the site materials management plan up to date to make sure that all excavated material is properly tracked to our on-site fill location.*

*My days are quite long and my steel toe cap boots are often covered in mud by the end of the day, but there’s nothing like the feeling of helping to build something new to help improve the lives of local residents.”*

## Merry Christmas from the A602 team!

It’s been a busy year for our team however we managed to capture a bit of festive cheer around a Christmas tree sourced from a local company.



The baubles on the tree recognise all those involved on the project and the names of the workers on site!

## Want to know more?

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