

Congleton Link Road

Construction Phase Newsletter

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Keeping you up-to-date with our work on the Congleton Link Road project.

Site Update

- The east of Back Lane is now complete and open allowing access to the Seddon Homes housing estate and the playing fields. The western section of Back Lane is now closed to allow the new Link Road mainline to be constructed
- Bulk earthworks continue at the section of new road adjacent to Sandy Lane (which we endeavour to open to pedestrians and cyclists early next year) and on both the Manchester Road and Macclesfield Road. They have also recently started on the section of link road between Holmes Chapel Road and the Chelford Road overbridge
- Drainage works will start on Sandy Lane and the planned section of road between Holmes Chapel Road and Chelford Road following the completion of the earthworks
- Work to construct the Chelford Road overbridge is well underway, with piling works currently been carried out. Traffic remains diverted onto the temporary 2-way carriageway, with a temporary speed limit of 10mph in place
- Piling works have now finished on both banks of the River Dane as works progress on the structure, as well as the Giantswood Lane overbridge
- Archaeology field work has now been completed across the entire scheme
- Ancient woodland soil translocation has now been carried out on the west bank of the River Dane.
- Works on Loach Brook bridge will commence on the 9th September, including piling

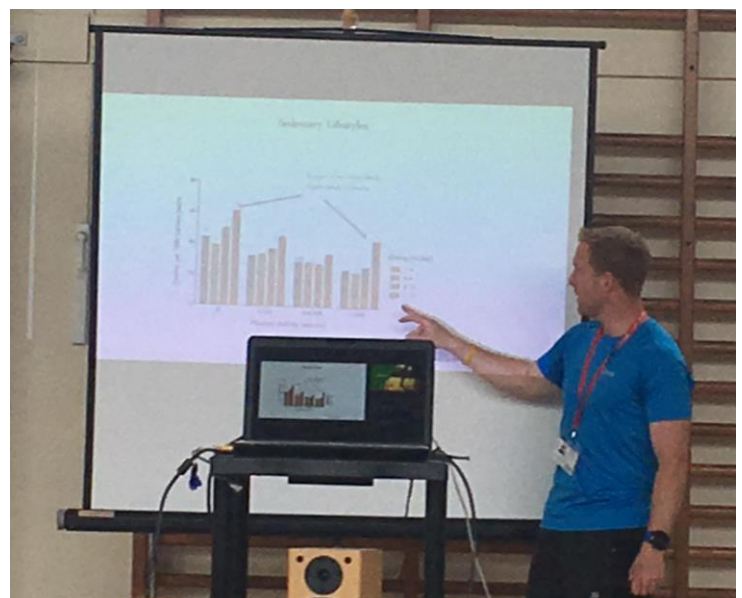
- Structural concrete works will begin to construct the abutments and wingwalls for the structures

School Engagement

On Monday 8th July Jonathan Bloomfield joined the GRAHAM team on a visit to Congleton High School. Jonathan is the Director of Support to Perform and has a wealth of experience working as a workplace wellness consultant, with a background in sports science.

Jonathan gave a presentation to students on the benefits of exercise, good nutrition and the Couch to 5K scheme.

The GRAHAM team are starting the Couch to 5K scheme with students and teachers at Congleton High School, with the first run planned for the evening of the 11th September.



Ecology Update

GRAHAM is committed to environmental sustainability on the Congleton Link Road scheme and spent several months carrying out archaeological and ecological work, fence erection, site clearance and hedge translocation ahead of the start of the on-ground works earlier this summer.

Ponds created as part of our construction of the Congleton Link Road have become a haven for Great Crested Newts. Great Crested Newts have hatched in new ponds created by the company during the start of the construction work. There is also evidence of larvae alive in the ponds. The animals and their eggs, breeding sites and resting places are protected by law and can grow up to 17cm and generally live between 6 to 15 years.



New ecology pond created by GRAHAM with new planting. Breeding Great Crested Newt larvae in first season.

Alastair Lewis, Contracts Manager for GRAHAM, said: "It is really excellent news that we're seeing Great Crested Newts hatching in the new ponds we've created. Arcadis Ecologists' caught 71 under Natural England licence and re-located them to the new ponds. Tapes with eggs have hatched and there is evidence of larvae alive in the ponds. This proves that what we've created really is benefiting the Great Crested Newt population."



One of 6 new mitigation ponds containing great crested newt larvae in the first breeding season

Alastair added: "It also shows the importance of working hard to add to the biodiversity in the areas we work and hopefully, thanks to the creation of the new ponds, the Great Crested Newts will continue to thrive in their new home."

We are passionate about managing ecological issues on all our projects and playing our role in reducing carbon emissions and operating in an environmentally sustainable manner. We strive for the most efficient use of energy, reducing waste, recycling materials, using materials from sustainable sources and keeping pollutants, noise and dust to a minimum.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Work with our neighbours to reduce the impact our work has on local business and the community
- Ensure the traffic management system is in place and maintain a safe working environment at all times
- Monitor noise, vibration and dust to ensure they are kept within the permitted levels
- Support the local community through employment, buying from local suppliers and proactive stakeholder engagement

CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME

This site is registered under the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) and as Partners, GRAHAM is committed to improving the image of the construction industry by striving to promote and achieve best practice at all our sites under the following code:

- Enhancing the **Appearance**
- Respecting the **Community**
- Protecting the **Environment**
- Securing everyone's **Safety**
- Caring for the **Workforce**



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