

# A120 Bypass (Little Hadham) and Flood Alleviation Scheme

## Project Newsletter – May 2019

### Project update

The Department for Transport has now formally confirmed it is providing up to £27.4m of funding towards the A120 Little Hadham Bypass and Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) has worked in partnership with the Environment Agency to develop the scheme. Advance works have been taking place in recent weeks including the diversion of utility services and ecological works. The main works are expected to start in late June and be completed and open in autumn 2020.

This government funding was secured through Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership's strategic economic plan and forms part of a wider funding package with the County Council and Environment Agency.

The new 3.9km bypass, to the north of Little Hadham, will alleviate congestion from The Ash traffic lights and provide more reliable journey times. As part of the scheme, new road embankments along the River Ash and Albury Tributary will act as flood defences to reduce risk.

### Communication

HCC & contractor GRAHAM are planning to hold a public information drop in event in the Little Hadham Parish Hall before work starts on site. The drop in event will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> June between 12 noon to 9pm and will give the local community and users of the A120 an opportunity to talk to the project team and find out more about the works. A second date is also being arranged but is yet to be confirmed. Local residents will also be advised of the exhibition dates by letter.

### Getting ready for construction

GRAHAM is preparing various documents needed prior to starting work, including their Construction Health & Safety Plan; Quality Plan; Environmental Management Plan and Communications Plan.

New hedgerows have been planted for bat foraging and existing hedgerows have been removed to prevent birds nesting in locations where works are due to happen.

Other ecology works include relocating Great Crested newts, Roman snails, badgers and other protected fauna. We are creating new habitats for these creatures to thrive in the surrounding area.

Utility diversion works are expected to be completed prior to the start of construction. At the River Ash, UK Power Networks (UKPN) has taken down its overhead power lines and laid them underground, to lie below the bypass. There are various utility services in the vicinity of the planned Hadham Park roundabout that are expected to be diverted in the coming weeks. There may be some disruption on the A120 during these diversion works. Please look on <https://roadworks.org/> for up to date information about any road closures or expected disruption.

More information can be found on the project's website: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/a120bypass](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/a120bypass)

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