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Dear Sir/Madam

### **A120 Little Hadham Bypass and Flood Alleviation Scheme: Extended working hours**

We are writing to inform you that, due to the challenging weather conditions of recent months, the A120 Little Hadham Bypass and Flood Alleviation Scheme has been granted approval by East Herts Council (via their Environmental Health Team) to carry out works under extended operational hours.

This means that the contractor, GRAHAM, now has the option to work daily within the hours of **7am to 10pm on weekdays and 7am to 7pm on weekends**. Please be aware that this does not mean works will take place during these hours throughout the whole construction of the scheme. This new approval simply provides us with the option of working longer hours when there is favourable weather, to complete the construction as soon as possible.

### **Section 61 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974**

The approval for extended hours falls under Section 61 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974. The Act allows developers and their building contractors to apply for 'Prior Consent' for noise generating activities during the construction phase of a development.

It is intended to manage the generation of construction noise using the 'best practicable means' available to complete the works.

Please note that the extension of working hours will not require changes to planned road closures. As always, we will keep you updated with all traffic management and activity.

### **Monitoring noise**

We will carry out continuous noise and vibration monitoring during the works. For noise monitoring, this will be at the boundaries of any properties less than 300m away from the work site and properties less than 100m from the worksite for vibration. We will set pre-set trigger levels will be set for the noise and vibration which will send a text alert to four site contacts if exceeded.

We will also implement the following control measures:

- Scheduling of noisy activities to times of the day/week that minimise disturbance
- The quietest possible machinery that can be practically and reasonably obtained will be used for each construction task. All equipment will be maintained in mechanical order and fitted with appropriate silencers, mufflers or acoustic covers
- Wherever possible, noisy activities/equipment will be located away from sensitive areas
- Enclosures and/or hoarding will be erected to provide screening around permanent or particularly noisy activities
- Site personnel will minimise noise at all times and appropriate training/supervision will be given.

To keep you updated, we have included a copy of our latest community newsletter. If you would like to read these every month, we would encourage you to visit our website [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/a120bypass](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/a120bypass).

However, if you do not have access to the internet and require a paper copy posting to you, please contact our Customer Service telephone number on: 0300 123 4047.

We also hold informal drop-in sessions in the Little Hadham Village Hall, where you can talk to us face-to-face. These are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

**You can follow us on Twitter: [@Herts\\_Highways](https://twitter.com/Herts_Highways)**

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Thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

**A120 Little Hadham Bypass & FAS Team**