Progress to Date

Breheny Civil Engineering has now established the site office and started the construction works. A pre-start publicity event was held on Friday 29th June 2018 to officially mark the beginning of the construction phase.

The work during the early stages of the project involved the removal of the existing topsoil, this was undertaken in conjunction with Kent County Council’s Heritage Conservation Team who arranged an Archaeological watching brief during this clearance work. A few areas of potential archaeological interest were uncovered with additional investigation works undertaken and pottery fragments, primarily from the medieval period, were found. Further analysis of these pottery fragments is being undertaken and all relevant information will be recorded and archived for Kent County Council.

Once the topsoil was removed, works started on the installation of surface water drainage both within the main site and to the south of the A2500 Lower Road where a highway drainage pond has been excavated.

Some additional site investigation works have also been carried out along the A2500 to be finalised.

Temporary Closure of Barton Hill Drive:

In order to facilitate the construction of the tie-in of the new roundabout with Barton Hill Drive, it will be necessary to temporarily close Barton Hill Drive to all traffic except for residential access from 10 September 2018 for 12 weeks.

As part of this temporary closure, the existing traffic signals at the junction of A2500 Lower Road and Barton Hill Drive will be removed.

The diversion route will be via Thistle Hill Way and Plover Road as detailed overleaf. There will be temporary parking restrictions on the diversion route to assist the flow of traffic.