Project Update

A2500, Lower Road, Minster Improvement Scheme

Newsletter 5
August 2019

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Road widening at Cowstead Corner Roundabout looking eastward along Lower Road

The works are continuing for the construction of Phase 2a which includes; the widening of the road at Cowstead Corner Roundabout, the construction of the new footway/cycleway from Cowstead Corner to Barton Hill Drive, installation of associated surface water drainage and replanting of hedgerows as shown on the scheme plan on the back of this newsletter.

Additional funding to allow the full widening of Lower Road between Cowstead Corner and Barton Hill Drive and a new right turn lane into Wall End Farm has not been confirmed. This may be carried out at a later date once full funding becomes available.
**What we have done so far?**
Works during the early stages of the phase 2 project involved the removal of the existing topsoil. This was undertaken in conjunction with Kent County Council’s Heritage Conservation Team who monitored the site clearance work to protect any potential archaeological finds. Objects from a range of eras were unearthed including pottery fragments dating back as far as the medieval period.

Once the topsoil was removed the installation of the new cycleway/footway to the north could begin. New, increased capacity, drainage pipes were installed under Lower Road to replace the existing ones.

Road widening works have commenced at Cowstead Corner to the south of Lower Road including the diversion of BT overhead lines, installation of surface water drainage, and extending the existing earth embankment. Works have also commenced at the new drainage lagoon basins to the southside near Wallend Cottages.

**What we have to do?**
Works planned in the next few months:
- Widening of the road at Cowstead Corner Roundabout
- Kerbing, drainage installation at Cowstead Corner
- Excavation of drainage basins at Wallend Cottages
- Tarmac surfacing of cycleway/footway

**Traffic Management**
Works are currently being carried out that avoid the need for Temporary Traffic Signals during the summer period until the 9th September 2019.

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**Proposed Traffic Diversion route during overnight closures of A2500 Lower Road, Minster**

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**Planned Night time Road Closure**
- *Overnight closures of the A2500 Lower Road are planned from Monday 9th September to Friday 20th September 2019. The closures will be in place from 19:30 through until approximately 05:30 each night on weekdays to carry out surfacing to the new road alignment to the south of Lower Road at Cowstead Corner.*
- *Two-way off-peak traffic signals will also be in operation for periods in September, October and November to enable installation of new kerblines and drainage along the A2500 Lower Road.*
- *We apologise in advance for any disruptions these closures may cause and if you have any concerns please contact our site email address detailed below.*
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