

Community Newsletter Update

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Bean Underpass

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Above: Artist's impression of the Bean Underpass as seen from Bluewater



Above: Artist impression of the Bean Underpass as seen from Whitecliffe

Dear Neighbours,

This is our May edition of the monthly project newsletter where we provide periodical information to keep you acquainted with the works taking place on the Bean Underpass project.

Erith Contractors have been appointed by the Kent County Council to undertake the works which will include the construction of a new underpass beneath the B255, linking the Whitecliffe development in the east to Bluewater Shopping Centre in the west. The underpass will primarily accommodate the Kent Fastrack bus service along with supplementary cycleways and footways.

Progress since last month:

- Removal of existing fencing near reed beds to allow for access around the area for plant.
- Clearance of rubble and tree stumps at the base of the cliff on the Bluewater side
- Pumping out of water around existing reed beds to ensure dry area for upcoming works.
- Installation of a stoned platform for upcoming rock netting works following clearance of rubble.
- Removal of pond slop from around reed beds and bunding off existing inlets for reed beds.
- Transport of all waste off site for disposal.

What's next?

Works over the next 2 months:

- Establishment of hoarding on both sides of Bluewater Parkway to encapsulate works.
- Commencement of rock netting works at east and west cliff crests on the B255 and cliff faces.
- Breakout and removal of existing reed bed on Bluewater side of cliff.
- Commencement of road embankment construction
- Commencement of works to widen the verge on the western side of Bluewater Parkway, adjacent to the M&S carpark.
- Landscaping works around Bluewater.

Logistics:

- A northbound and southbound lane closure on the B255 will be implemented to allow for rock netting and associated works.
- A northbound and southbound closure of Bluewater Parkway, adjacent to the M&S carpark will be in place.
- Some plant/machinery will access the site through the existing access tunnel in the cliff from the Whitecliffe quarry side.
- Access will also be made available from Bluewater Parkway via the TM closures.
- Lane closures will be removed where necessary to minimise disruption to the public.

Communication

It is our intention to keep you informed and updated on the works taking place at Bean Underpass throughout our works with regular newsletters, timely information notices and community meetings.

If you would like to register to receive these updates and invitations to our meetings via email, please contact our community liaison team (contact details below).

Your personal information will be kept safe in line with current GDPR regulations and will not be used for any other purpose.

Following our commencement on site, we will be looking to arrange our first Community meeting, which will give you the opportunity to meet with the management team in person and raise any questions you may have about the works.

About Erith

The Erith Group is a family-run, employee-owned trust, founded in 1967 by Tom Darsey. The company's ethos then, as it is today, is one of quality of service and client satisfaction with a strong emphasis on Safety.

Since its formation, the company has grown to form a Group comprising: Erith Holdings Ltd; Erith Contractors Ltd; Erith Haulage Ltd; Erith Plant Services; Erith Training Services and Swanton Consulting Ltd.

Our primary business is to service the construction and related industries through its Enabling Services comprising of demolition, asbestos removal, remediation, earthworks, infrastructure, basement reconstructions, waste recycling and haulage.



Meet the team....



Project Manager
Ajay Rayaprolu



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Cherrie O'Kane

SITE WORKING HOURS

MONDAY to FRIDAY:

08:00 to 18:00

SATURDAY:

08:00 to 13:00