Welcome to the first A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool newsletter, giving you the latest information and stories around the project.

The A585 is the main road in and out of Fleetwood and surrounding areas. It’s heavily congested between Windy Harbour and Skippool and drivers currently suffer from significant delays during peak periods.

If improvements are not made, congestion and the number of accidents will continue to increase.

Constructing the bypass will not only move traffic away from the surrounding villages, but will also support additional traffic flows and economic growth opportunities whilst reducing the impact on the local community.

We’re pleased to announce that the Development Consent Order was approved by the Secretary of State on the 9 April 2020, enabling the project to proceed. You can find out more on the Planning Inspectorate’s website.

Covid-19

Please be assured that we have strict safeguarding measures on site to prevent the spread of COVID19 and will be closely monitoring the ongoing situation. We will continue to follow all the latest government advice and will adapt our plans to take account of any changes, keeping our workforce and road users safe.
Public information exhibitions

We held two exhibitions on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 March at the Wyre Civic Centre and Singleton Village hall and were attended by over 600 people! In addition to this, a briefing was held for some of our key stakeholders, led by Senior Project Manager Jon Stokes.

Members of the Oxford Archaeology team displayed some of the significant archaeological findings, such as pottery, stone tools and preserved ancient plant remains. The findings were discovered during the pre-construction investigation work.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone that attended these events, and that your input is very much valued.

What’s next?

On the 27 March, we started our advanced works, ensuring we were able to move forward in the most efficient and least disruptive way possible. Since then, we’ve installed a small site compound at Skippool with welfare cabins planned to be delivered shortly. A dedicated habitat area for Pink Footed Geese has also been set up adjacent to Mains Lane.

Over the coming months, the archaeological work will continue, ensuring we’ve found everything of notable interest in the surrounding area before the main construction work starts. The ground investigation work will also begin. This will help us to understand the conditions of the ground in the area, and the results will also feed into the overall design of the project.

A design is currently being developed for the new drainage system between Garstang New Road and Mains Lane, which we hope to deliver later this year. We will continue to keep you updated as the programme of work develops and before main construction work starts.

Sign up for future updates

To be more environmentally friendly, all future project updates will be in a form of an e-newsletter! We plan to send out our next update in August, where we will give you information on our next set of Public Information Exhibitions, as well as the latest updates on the project. Please be sure to sign up for updates on our web page at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a585-windy-harbour-to-skippool/.

Alternatively, follow us on Twitter @HighwaysNWEST or sign up for updates by email. Please contact a member of our team via the details below.

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