

# Poynton Relief Road

Construction Phase  
Newsletter

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**Keeping you up to date with our work on the Poynton Relief Road Project.**

## Final beams lifted into place on Chester Road Bridge

A major milestone has been achieved on the scheme, with the final five pre-cast concrete bridge beams successfully lifted into place for the new Chester Road bridge.

A 500-tonne crane was used to lift the 22.5m-long beams into position, with each beam weighing 37.8 tonnes. The operation was completed within a day and the beams now form part of the largest structure on the project.



Councillor Craig Browne, Deputy Leader of Cheshire East Council and chair of the authority's highways and transport committee, said: "This is an impressive achievement by our construction contractors GRAHAM, and a key milestone in progressing this important and long-awaited scheme. I congratulated all on a smooth operation."

"This scheme shows the council's commitment to deliver major infrastructure improvements for Cheshire East and will not only improve links to Macclesfield, the surrounding area, south Manchester and the airport, it will also open up some much-needed employment land and reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality in the area."



Nick Hodder, Project Manager, said: "We're pleased with the progress being made on the Poynton Relief Road scheme and reaching the milestone of the beam lifting for the new Chester Road bridge. The lift was a delicate operation delivered carefully by our project team to ensure a safe and timely installation of the beams, which will support the new bridge."

"We now focus our attention on completing the remaining concrete works and earthworks to prepare for the opening of this much-anticipated relief road later this year."

## Site Update

- Reinforced steel works remain ongoing on the Chester Road Bridge and following the placement of the bridge beams works will commence to construct the bridge deck, including concrete being poured in early April.
- Concrete has recently been poured to form the west abutment for the new Adlington bridge, marking the completion of all major concrete works on the projects three structures.



- The second season of earthworks will start in early April. The earthworks activities have to be completed during the dry months of the year. The cut and fill operation will involve excavation, transportation, placement and compaction of approximately 240,000 tonnes of material.
- The upgrading of existing and installation of new drainage systems continues.

## Bonis Hall Lane Junction & Adlington Crossroads Improvement Scheme

We are pleased to announce that all civils works will be completed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, despite the recent unforeseen challenges faced by the project team.

Ongoing activities include final surfacing and white lining works, installation of the new permanent traffic light signals and erection of new Cheshire fencing.

Landscaping works will be carried out later in the year to complete the upgrade of the junction.



Works to improve the Adlington crossroads will start in mid-April and will involve the widening of the existing carriageway and upgrading the traffic light signals. To facilitate the works we will be imposing traffic management for the duration of the scheme.

We would like to thank all stakeholders impacted by our works for your ongoing patience while we undertake our operations to improve these busy junctions, which will greatly reduce congestion and waiting times when completed.

## OUR COMMITMENTS

- Work with our neighbours to reduce the impact our work has on local business and the community
- Ensure the traffic management system is in place and maintain a safe working environment at all times
- Monitor noise, vibration and dust to ensure they are kept within the permitted levels
- Support the local community through employment, buying from local suppliers and proactive stakeholder engagement

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- Enhancing the **Appearance**
- Respecting the **Community**
- Protecting the **Environment**
- Securing everyone's **Safety**
- Caring for the **Workforce**



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