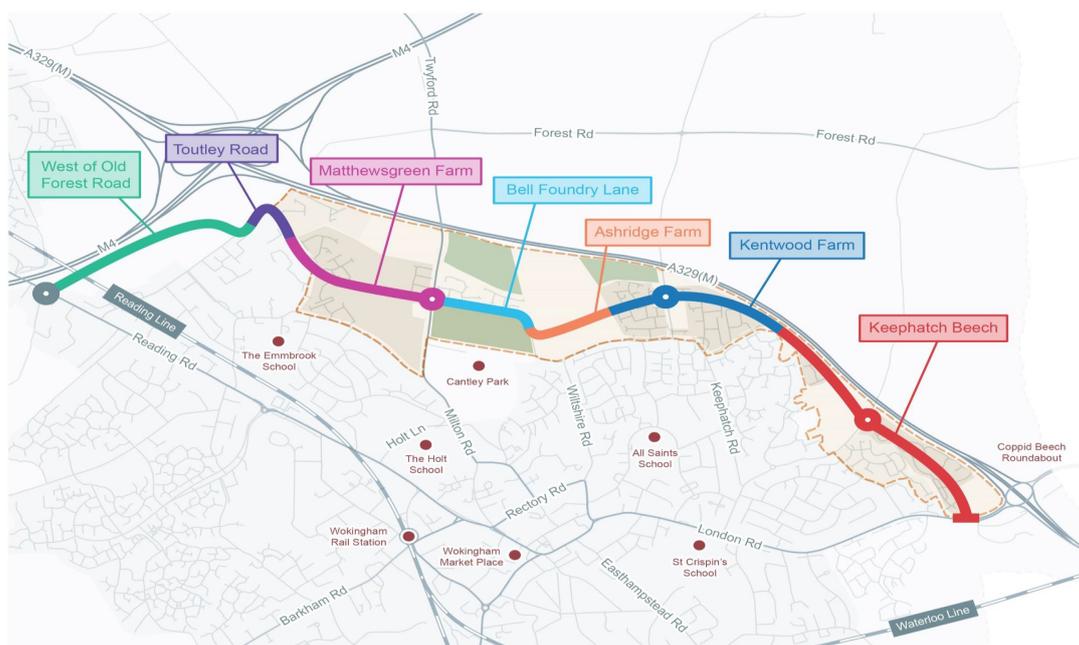


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» Project Overview

The Ashridge Farm project started in December 2020 and was successfully completed on 22nd October 2021. This now connects Bell Foundry Lane to Dalley Road to complete this section of the North Wokingham Distributor Road scheme, and will provide congestion relief around the north of Wokingham. The new carriageway is approximately 550 metres in length and 7.3 metres wide, with footpaths and verges at both sides. Planting of the embankments and verges to integrate the new infrastructure with the aesthetics of the area has already commenced and will continue throughout November 2021. In time, natural habitat in the area will also flourish as this was a major factor in the scheme design.

» Ashridge Stream



Works to divert the Ashridge Stream into a culvert under the route of the new road were recently completed. Nearby trees were protected to prevent damage during construction of the road and works on the two new ponds north of the road have also been completed. Not only will these take all the run off from the road, but they will also create a new habitat for local wildlife.



Aerial view of the 'New' Ashridge Stream, newly installed culvert and surrounding ponds.

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» New Road



Aerial view of the newly constructed section of road that ties into Bell Foundry Lane to Dalley Road.

» Ashridge Farm Project “Open Day”

The project team and Wokingham Borough Council were keen to showcase the works to date at Ashridge Farm, so arranged an open day where local residents, school children and members of the council could attend. On site the project ecologist gave an overview of the logic behind the design of the new stream layout, the new culverts (Bridge), the new ponds and also explained the great importance of ensuring the natural habitat of the area flourishing going forward. Members of the Balfour Beatty team also shared details of the project and answered questions from the attendees and laid on refreshments for all to enjoy.



Above & Below Photos: The project team giving a brief history of the project before the “Walk and Talk” on-site tour of the project site started. The children also took the opportunity to sit on a Harley Davidson Trike supplied by a local resident.



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» Upcoming Works

Brief Description of Works/Key Milestones

Landscaping	Nov 2021
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If you know of anyone in your local community who does not have access to the internet but would like to receive this e-newsletter, please let us know. Wokingham Borough Council, in partnership with Balfour Beatty have a dedicated project team should you have any questions or concerns. E-mail us at NWDR@balfourbeatty.com stating "Ashridge Farm" or telephone 0800 121 4444.

For further information please visit:

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