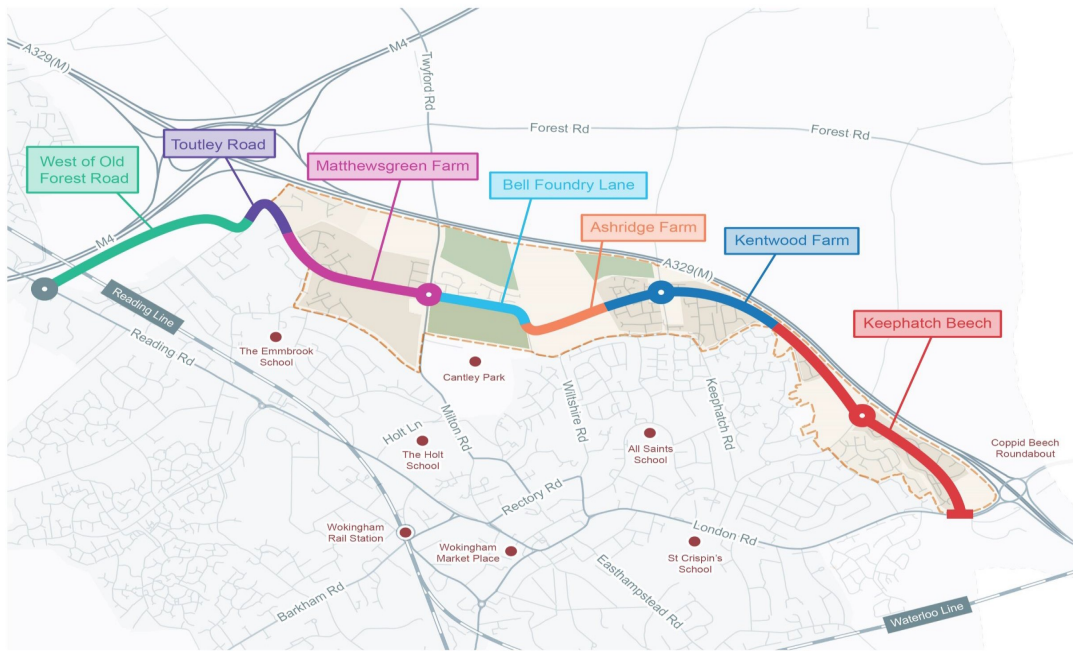


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» Project Overview

The Ashridge Farm project will connect Bell Foundry Lane and Dalley Road to complete the North Wokingham Distributor Road, providing congestion relief around the north of Wokingham.

During the enabling works at Ashridge Farm, Balfour Beatty carried out a comprehensive Environmental Study of the area to minimise the impact of the main works. These included vegetation clearance with the presence of an ecologist, trapping and protection of herptile species, protection and maintenance of bat routes, protections of the remaining trees and archaeological desktop studies combined with excavations on site.

Main construction commenced in January 2021 and activities have centred around earthworks along the new route and utility and drainage works around the tie in with Bell Foundry Lane.

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» Ashridge Stream

The project includes the diversion of the Ashridge stream. In order to keep and protect the trees, sheet piles were installed to avoid affecting the roots during the construction of the new stream. A culvert is being installed to allow the construction of the road on top of it. Also, two new ponds will be built at the North of the road to take all surface water, creating a new area for the local species.



Aerial view of Ashridge Stream



The sheet piling needed to protect trees has been installed, trimmed to size and supported by concrete. A major part of the project was to install the new culvert, this milestone was recently achieved.

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» New Road

The new carriageway will be 7.3m wide with footpaths and verges at both sides of the road. The scheme allows for seeding and planting of the embankments and verges to integrate the new infrastructure with the aesthetics of the area.



Aerial view of the new road.



Excavation is 3m deep for the installation of the culvert. Levels are controlled by laser, safe access has been provided for the site engineers access. The difference in height between the shoulder, and the top of the capping layer can be seen along the length of the new road. The services along Bell Foundry Lane have been buried to ensure a tidy finish at the tie in. The capping layer surface has been compacted.

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» Bell Foundry Lane

Works are progressing well to “tie-in” the new road with Bell Foundry Lane. The drainage system has been installed underground and work now continues to level the road surface, install the new kerbs and commence the laying of the road surface.



Aerial view of the new road tie-in at Bell Foundry Lane.



Works ongoing to install new drainage and kerbs at both sides of the new road that links into Bell Foundry Lane.

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» Upcoming Works

Brief Description of Works/Key Milestones

Installation of the culvert	April 2021
Stream diversion	May 2021
Groundworks completion	Oct 2021
Landscaping	Nov 2021
Expected Completion of Overall Scheme	Dec 2021

» Upcoming Traffic Management Works

Period	Peak/Off-Peak	Location	Section of Road
Until End May 2021	Full Road Closure	Bell Foundry Lane	All

Daily public safety will remain a priority, as will access to the Emergency Services. Additionally, access for local residents will remain open at all times.

Keep up to speed with the Council's traffic and travel social media

Wokingham Borough Council's 'Traffic and Travel' social media accounts are dedicated to keeping residents up to speed with the roadworks around the borough that may affect their journey times. You can follow the council's traffic and travel 'social' pages by visiting:

www.facebook.com/WokinghamRoadWorks and www.twitter.com/TrafficAlert



Also, for more information on roadworks you can visit one.network, an online platform which provides the latest information about upcoming works

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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.

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