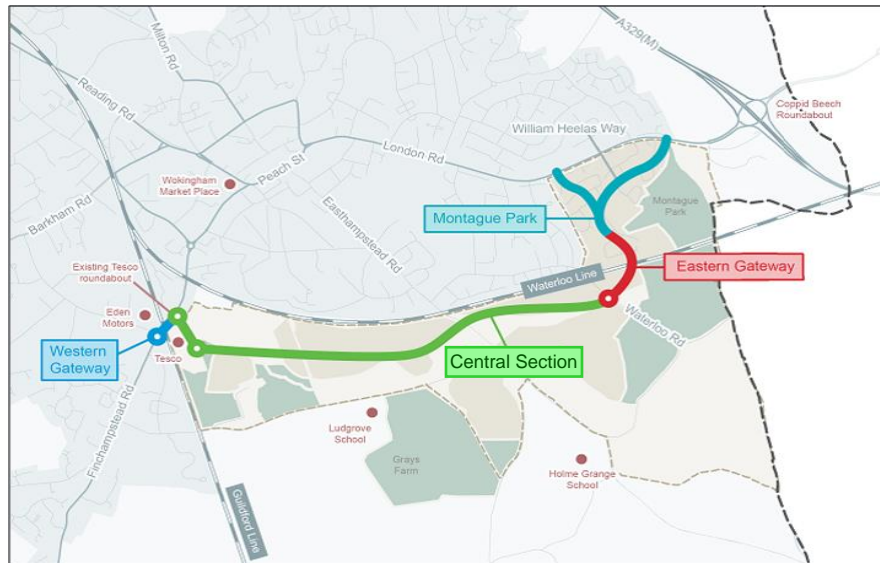


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»Project Overview

The Eastern Gateway will not only provide improved access to planned new housing within the South Wokingham strategic development location but will also help to reduce congestion within the surrounding area by providing a new railway bridge, replacing the current Waterloo Road level crossing. It will also ensure a high-quality corridor for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport which currently does not exist.

To date we have carried out early works to enable the main works to take place to construct the new bridge over the railway bridge, the new roundabout and road. Therefore we have set up heras fencing and barriers to secure the work site, set-up project welfare, undertaken site clearance (hedging & trees), completed archaeological site clearance work, erected hoarding along the railway track for protection and constructed an on-site 'Haul' road to comply with COVID working. The main works have also started with sheet piling to construct the abutments and retaining walls to take the new bridge.

The site will be secured over the Christmas period with works stopping for several weeks from the 18th December and continuing in the new year. Works to the bridge structure and also construction of the new road and roundabout on Waterloo Road will start early next year.

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»Waterloo Road



The majority of the stabilised haul road has now cured and is ready to use after achieving bearing capacity of over 500kN/m².



The hedge line along Waterloo Road has been cleared and replaced with fencing. Tree protection fence has been erected around the remaining trees and hedgerows.



Vortok fencing and track monitoring devices have been installed on the rails along the track to enable the works in preparation for the new bridge over the railway.



The installation of Network Rail asset protection hoarding has been completed, allowing us to work safely to complete the piling platform. Also, the setting out of the 28No. piles has been undertaken, ahead of the piling works.

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The piling rig was deployed and assembled on site, in preparation for the piling works.



Stone compaction testing and plate bearing tests were undertaken on the piling platform.



»Health and Safety

TOTAL HOURS WORKED TO DATE

26,021

TOTAL NO. OF INJURIES/
INCIDENCES

0

DID YOU KNOW?

- > There are 81,000 construction workers suffering from work-related ill health (new or longstanding in 2020)
- > There were 40 fatal to construction workers in 2019/20
- > There are 61,000 reported non-fatal injuries to construction workers each year

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»Upcoming Works

January 2021:

Construction of a drainage culvert across Waterloo Road. These works will require a few night-time closures to Waterloo Road, between the railway crossing and Locks Farm. A diversion route will be in place.

February 2021:

Construction of bridge abutments and wingwalls. Some of the activities involved will require a night-time possession closure to the railway in this section. This should not disrupt the normal train operations.

March 2021:

Waterloo Road realignment works. To enable these works, Waterloo Road will be closed permanently, between the railway crossing and Locks Farm for about 5 months. A diversion route will be in place.

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. As we draw closer to the winter months, our construction site will be lit to allow us to continue working during darker hours. Lights will be turned off during the night. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience and kindly ask you to bear with us whilst these essential works are carried out.

Council relaunches traffic and travel social media to keep residents up to speed

Wokingham Borough Council's 'Traffic and Travel' social media accounts, dedicated to keeping residents up to speed with the roadworks around the borough that may affect their journey times, have been relaunched this month. 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.

CONTACT US

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 SWDR@balfourbeatty.com or telephone 0800 121 4444.

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