



Albury Road bridge

A120 Bypass (Little Hadham) and Flood Alleviation Scheme

Project Newsletter
April 2020

Health and Safety

We continue to make good progress on site while operating in line with current Government guidance. Work on the River Ash culvert has recommenced and the site in general is benefiting from the recent favourable weather.

Our decision to carry on with the scheme during this time is taken with the consideration of the safety of workers and the public, and the feasibility of complying with Public Health England and industry guidance on safe working.

Over the last few weeks, site work has largely focused on earth movements for the River Ash dam embankment and the new Albury Road Bridge. The embankment for the dam is being built up using clay extracted from the road cutting at Mill Mound. The Albury Road Bridge deck has been waterproofed and work has started on the new approaches to it.

Thank You

Our partner, GRAHAM construction have approximately 20-30 staff continuing to work on site. We would like to thank them and everyone who is helping to keep Hertfordshire moving during these unprecedented times.

COVID-19 – What You Need To Know

Hertfordshire County Council have pulled together everything you need to know about Coronavirus (COVID-19) on their website. From advice for business to tips on how to keep yourself safe and reduce the risk of getting the virus.

Visit: [Hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions)

Key Construction Activity (April-May)

- Works at Tilekiln Roundabout including kerbing
- Earthworks continuing at the River Ash area
- Soil is being removed from the Albury Tributary area with works to start on the Albury Tributary dam structure in May

Flood Alleviation Progress

We have been able to continue construction of the main flood storage embankment across the Ash River valley. Once complete, the embankment will hold back storm water, releasing at a controlled rate so that the river remains within its banks through the Ash and the Ford, up to the design limit of the flood alleviation scheme.

The culvert that will take the river through the embankment is nearly complete, with all but the last bits of the northern inlet walls remaining. This work has restarted with GRAHAM staff able to safely following government guidance.

With the drier weather in the last few weeks, the eastern part of the earth embankment itself is starting to be built up using large dump trucks and rollers. As this embankment will form a dam, the material needs to have particular properties to ensure it is stable and waterproof.

We are closely monitoring the quality of the material and the way it is compacted. An independent reservoir engineer also oversees the dam construction. The material is being sourced from along the route of the bypass, which has kept the traffic movements within the site and avoided the costs of bringing in large quantities of clay from quarries.

The embankment earthworks across the Ash valley will continue into the summer.



Enabling works for River Ash piling



Aerial view of Albury Road Bridge

Construction Progress In Photos

Hadham Park Roundabout



Tilekiln Roundabout



You can keep up to date with progress on site with our latest drone and time-lapse footage by visiting our dedicated A120 Bypass and Flood Alleviation Scheme YouTube channel: <http://bit.ly/A120videos>

We also regularly upload progress photos from site via our social media channels.



Site plan

Upcoming Project Works

Due to Covid-19, please be aware that planned roadworks and closures are subject to cancellation or changes.

Road Closures

- The current Albury Road full road closure 24/7 remains until Sunday 31 May

Re-scheduled Roadworks

Two-way traffic lights 8.00am to 6.00pm (weekdays) on the A120 at Hadham Park Roundabout from Monday 4 May – Sunday 28 June.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Looking Ahead

Following feedback from the community, we are already thinking ahead to the official A120 bypass opening.

We are keen to hear your views and ideas about what you would like to see. Email your thoughts to: a120bypass@Hertfordshire.gov.uk

You can find out more about the project by visiting our dedicated website:

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You can also keep up-to-date with all roadworks using the One.Network service.

Type **One.Network** into your internet search engine and then type '**Ware (Little Hadham)**' into the search box to find out more. You can pick different date ranges from the drop-down menu to see upcoming works.

You can also call the GRAHAM site team at Standon Road on **01279 314182** for immediate enquiries and concerns.

Please note: Monthly drop-in sessions are cancelled until further notice.