

A120 Bypass (Little Hadham) and Flood Alleviation Scheme Project Newsletter - May 2017

This newsletter provides an update to those following the project's progress.

Planning Permission for the scheme achieved

In December 2016 the Development Control Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the planning application for the A120 Bypass (Little Hadham) and Flood Alleviation Scheme. As the eastern end of the scheme is located partially within the Green Belt it had to be referred to the Government, who then had three weeks in which they could 'call in' the application for further scrutiny.

In January we received confirmation that the Government did not want to call in the application, and a formal planning decision notice was issued on the 19 January, officially granting permission for the scheme.



Next Steps for the scheme

Planning Conditions

The project team are currently working through the 45 planning conditions attached to the permission. These conditions cover a variety of subjects. Many require the scheme to be built in line with the details provided as part of the original application; while others ask for detailed information to be submitted related to specific parts of the design, or specifics relating to proposed mitigation measures.

Where conditions relate to the final design of the scheme, they will be discharged over the next year. Where conditions relate to construction practices they will be discharged by the construction contractor, once they are appointed.

Getting the land

Hertfordshire County Council and the Environment Agency continue to have productive discussions with affected landowners, with a view to acquiring the land needed for the scheme by agreement. However, we will also publish draft Compulsory Purchase Orders in the coming month.

Selecting a contractor to build the scheme

We hope to launch the tender to find a construction contractor in the summer and expect to appoint someone in early in 2018.

Construction

The construction of the scheme is expected to start in 2018 and complete in 2020. Some early works are planned to take place throughout 2017, including early environmental mitigation and utility diversion works.