

A120 Bypass Scheme Update

July 2022

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- The bypass has been open since Dec 2021 and has been running well.
- Works have been ongoing this summer for various elements of works off the main carriageway, the majority of these works shall be completed before the end of August 2022.
- The public right of way at Albury was opened in April 2022. The public right of way at Hadham park underpass is intended to be opened 4/7/22.
- The Lloyd Taylor Drain will have continued works into August 2022 at present.
- It is intended that we will have to remove or spread some additional topsoil from the work site by the close of the year.
- There will be post scheme survey undertaken in the Autumn. This will also include questions around what other measures residents would like to see included in the Phase 2 post bypass scheme.
- Various monitoring and evaluation data will also be undertaken in early 2023 to measure the impact of the bypass a year after it opened.

A120 Post Bypass scheme update Phases 1 & 2

- Phase 1 of the post bypass work (new controlled crossing near the school, bus stop improvements and four village gateway features) have been substantially completed. The traffic signal operation is being monitored to see if there are any modifications needed to reflect the changes in traffic speed, volume and route choices in the village following the opening of the bypass.
- The school have kindly offered to undertake a survey with their parents, children and staff following both the opening of the bypass and the implementation of the Phase 1 measures.
- Outline designs for improvements to the signalised junction to improve pedestrian facilities have been developed and any comments received through the survey work will be taken into account as the design is refined.
- Designers are aware of the desire to improve and widen footways within and around the village and to generally improve active travel opportunities and these will be considered as part of the Phase 2 proposals. We would be pleased to receive any further comments from the Parish Council either before, or as part of, the Autumn 2022 survey.
- We will be bidding for further funding to continue design work on the P2 proposals during 23/24 with implementation anticipated in 24/25. This will enable us to fully take into account the opportunities that emerge as a result in the changes in traffic levels which will be measured in early 2023.

Update from Environment Agency

- We are currently evaluating two options for remediating the new Lloyd Taylor Drain channel with Herts CC and their contractor. A key criteria is that the remediation works would be in a suitable condition to withstand flows when they can be expected to occur from autumn onwards, and once a remediation option is decided on we would time the works so that this is the case.
- Following the discovery that there had been a mis-understanding and the full benefits of the scheme have not been captured in the flood map updating process, my colleagues were made aware of this and the correct information used to respond to enquiries from the public about their flood risk. My colleagues are working to ensure that the full benefits of the scheme will be updated into the flood map at the moment and the information should be publicly visible in September.