

M5 Junction 25 Improvements Scheme Project Newsletter: January 2020

Project Update



Toneway

Before Christmas we started digging trial holes to identify existing services underground. We also broke out the layby on the inbound carriageway.

In January, this work continues and we've already located buried services, including two medium pressure gas mains, BT cables, a water main, LV cables and street lighting cables.

Excavation works have started to widen the existing carriageway and next week we will start drainage works next to the BP garage. We'll also be installing 230m of kerbs and street lighting and ducting works in the verge.

Considerate Constructors Scheme

Code section	Visit 1	Visit 2		Scheme scoring explained
Care about Appearance	8	8	/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Each section of the Checklist will be scored out of 9 points with 1 additional point available for each approved innovation, up to a maximum of 5.A score of 5 in one of the sections of the Checklist reflects compliance with the Scheme's core requirements while scores of 4 or lower indicate different levels of non-compliance.Higher scores indicate performance beyond compliance with 6 reflecting a 'good' level of performance, 7 'very good', 8 'excellent' and 9 'exceptional'.Approved innovations will need to be further developed and improved to receive an additional point at a subsequent visit.For more information on the Monitor Checklist, scoring descriptors, the Scheme's definition of innovation and report writing standards, visit www.ccscheme.org.uk.For an online library of best practice examples, case studies, e-learning modules and other resources, visit www.ccsbestpractice.org.uk.
Respect the Community	7	8	/9	
Protect the Environment	7	8	/9	
Secure everyone's Safety	8	8	/9	
Value their Workforce	7	8	/9	
Additional points	0	1	/5	
Total score	37	41	/50	

We have registered the M5 Junction 25 Improvement Scheme with the Considerate Constructors Scheme. This is an independent body which inspects construction sites and scores them against standard criteria. On 12 December we had our second visit by the Considerate Constructors monitor and achieved an "Excellent" 41/50 score, building on our first visit "Very Good" score.

After a tour of our working areas, he reported: "There is clear evidence that the Griffiths management team for this project is continuing to make genuine efforts to apply the Considerate Constructors Scheme's Code of Considerate Practice, in practical and constructive ways, to every aspect of the work" and "High standards are being maintained in all sections of the Code".

The project was also praised for our innovative colour coded operative gloves: "The site has developed and is trialling a colour-coded glove system - Red on the palm 'STOP' and Green on the back 'GO' - as an additional safety measure to assist traffic marshals, banksmen and crane signaller/slingers when communicating with drivers of site plant, vehicles and crane operators. The trial is proving to be a great success".

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Link Road



The winter weather continues to pose challenges for our teams working in the Blackbrook area and we have constructed temporary flood defences to minimise any impact on our programme.

Construction of the South Abutment for the Blackbrook Bridge continues with three more concrete pours scheduled and works due to be completed this month.

Doing Our Bit

Throughout November, staff from Griffiths took part in the 'MOVEMBER' challenge and raised a fantastic £140. The money we raised was used to buy food for Taunton Food Bank and came to a whopping 52kgs in weight! Taunton Food Bank were greatly appreciative and could not thank us enough, they also commented on the amount of food we provided saying "we've never had this much food from one person/group come in at one time before".



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