

Newsletter

Happy February

Welcome to February's edition of the ELOR newsletter. Despite it being slightly chilly (to say the least) we are making excellent progress along the scheme. Work has continued over the last month despite adverse weather conditions. You can read more about what's happening in your area throughout this publication.

Our visitors centre is currently closed due to government restrictions. If you wish to contact our team please send an email to elor@Leeds.gov.uk



Artist's Impression Of Country Park Underpass - Feb 2021

Phase 3 – ELOR Main Works: What's happening in your area

Site Entrance A6120 Roundabout: Junction 1

Utility works are ongoing at this junction.

Utilities refer to Yorkshire Water, Northern Gas Network, etc.

Site Entrance A6120 Roundabout: Junction 1 - 4 Week Look Ahead

Utility works will continue in this area throughout the next month. Drainage works will continue from mid Feb.

Over 200m of drainage has already been laid in this area - soil removed for the new tanking system will be the equivalent of an olympic size pool.



ELOR Drone View of Junction 1 The New A6120 Roundabout Site – Feb 2021



ELOR Drone View of Junction 2 The New A58 Roundabout Site – Feb 2021

Wetherby Road A58: Junction 2 (Between Red Hall Lane and Marks & Spencer Services)

Drainage works will continue within this area. This area will then be handed over to the utility companies for further works.

Wetherby Road A58: Junction 2 (Between Red Hall Lane and Marks & Spencer Services) - 4 Week Look Ahead

Utilities works will continue in this area.

Continuation of the 4-way lights will be in operation to allow us to move machinery along the length of the project with minimal impact on the local traffic network (The four way lights are to allow material movements within the footprint of the scheme and also trafficking through local communities).

Phase 3 – ELOR Main Works: What's happening in your area



ELOR Drone View of The New Skeltons Lane Roundabout Junction 3 - Feb 2021

Skeltons Lane Roundabout: Junction 3 (Between Thorner Lane and Coal Road)

Surface water drainage will commence in this area. 250m of culvert has been laid. A culvert drains away excess water.

Skeltons Lane Roundabout: Junction 3 (Between Thorner Lane and Coal Road) – 4 Week Look Ahead

Utilities will shortly start in this area.

Continuation of the works 4-way lights will predominantly be in operation to allow us to move machinery along the length of the project with minimal impact on the local traffic network (The four-way lights are to allow material movements within the footprint of the scheme and avoid trafficking through local communities).

York Road A64 Roundabout: Junction 4 (Between Thorner Lane and Woodlands Way)

Utility works will continue in this area - we will work with seven different utility companies during the building of ELOR.



ELOR Drone View of York Road A64 Roundabout Feb - 2021

York Road A64 Roundabout: Junction 4 (Between Thorner Lane and Woodlands Way) – 4 Week Look Ahead

Earthworks are continuing to bring the junction up to the profile of the new road. Drainage works will restart in this area in early February.

Continuation of the work's 4-way lights will be in operation to allow us to move machinery along the length of the project with minimal impact on the local traffic network (The four way lights are to allow material movements within the footprint of the scheme and avoid trafficking through local communities).

Phase 3 – ELOR Main Works: What's happening in your area

Leeds Roundabout (Barwick Road): Junction 5 (Between Scholes Village and Smeaton Approach)

Works on the water mains will continue in this area. Utilities will also start in this area.

Leeds Roundabout (Barwick Road): Junction 5 (Between Scholes Village and Smeaton Approach) – 4 Week Look Ahead



ELOR Drone View of the New Leeds (Barwick Road) Roundabout Junction 5 – Feb 2021

Surface water drainage works will commence.

The main earthworks to construct the new roundabout will start to the south of Leeds.

Continuation of the work's 4-way traffic lights will be in operation from Monday - Friday (8am - 8pm) to allow us to move machinery along the length of the project with minimal impact on the local traffic network (The four way lights are to allow material movements within the footprint of the scheme and avoid trafficking through local communities).



ELOR Drone View of Manston Lane Tie-in Junction 6 – Feb 2021

Manston Lane Tie-in: Junction 6

Main bulk earthworks will continue to form the embankment for the new junction.

Manston Lane Tie-in Junction 6 – 4 Week look ahead

Main bulk earthworks will continue to form the embankment for the new junction.

Safety Stats

Despite the difficulties associated with the pandemic, we have continued to provide training to our workforce, upskilling them in the process. Some of our accomplishments include:

- Over 249,432 hours worked without a reportable accident
- We have a work force of over 148 people This includes office staff as well as staff on the ground
- Plant vehicle marshall training as well as mental health training have been completed this month
- Mental health is extremely important in our industry. Staff are encouraged to talk to each other if they need to

Social distancing measures will continue on site until further notice. Social distance markings have now been applied to the car park and induction rooms. New staff are inducted daily to ensure they and the public are safe at all times.



Staff are encouraged to report good safety practices daily - Feb 2021

Additional Works Information

Utility Works

Junction 1 - Yorkshire Water and Northern Gas Network will continue with their works in this area

Junction 2 - Yorkshire Water will continue working in this area

Coal Road - Telefonica starting on Wednesday 17th February 2021

Junction 3 - Works will start at the beginning of March for BT and mid-March for Yorkshire Water

Junction 4 - Northern Power Grid will continue to work in this area. Virgin Media to start works in this area in mid-March

Junction 5 - BT will continue with works in this area once adverse weather subsides

Structures - Country Park

It would be hard to imagine a worse forecast! At the start of the year we had freezing temperatures, snow and heavy rain. Finally, in the crucial week of our works starting at Country Park, in came Storm Christoph which brought more rain and high winds.

Despite this, we managed to install foundations and supporting towers over a two-week period, then working continuously over a further period of 7 nights and days. A 400 Tonne crane, and twelve girder sections were delivered and installed onto their temporary supports. The timing of the beam's arrival was scheduled so that it would cause the least amount of disruption to local traffic.

Over the weeks that have followed, we have set up welding tents, so the welders have a controlled environment to join the beam sections together to make a complete span of over 40 metres.

The welding is now ongoing and will be complete in early March. After the big reveal, the welding tents will come down and we will start setting up for the next operation.



Country Park Underpass - Feb 2021

The steel on the bridge beams will not be painted once the bridge is erected. This is so that the natural colour of the steel will come through. In time the bridge will become a beautiful golden brown colour.

Social Value - National Apprentice Week

This month we have been involved in Leeds Apprentice Fair 2021 (LAF21). The week has looked at how people can join Leeds City Council and Balfour Beatty as well as other companies on an apprentice scheme. The “earn as you learn” scheme has been incredibly successful in recent years, and now more than ever we want to encourage people on to the scheme to mitigate the loss of jobs during COVID. There is no age limit to an apprentice placement, so if you are interested please take a look on:

<https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk/employmenthub/apprenticeshiphub>

Social Value Looking Forward

We want to add value to the communities we work in during the duration of the scheme. By working with local schools, communities and other establishments we can create a positive impact during the creation of the ELOR scheme.

Here are some of the things we will be getting involved with this month.

- Webinars delivered to Project Recce on construction and employability
- Two School garden projects will be completed by ourselves, The Prince's Trust and our subcontractors - this will see us overhauling two inner-city school gardens which have sadly been neglected during COVID
- Dementia Awareness support webinar for site staff - help and support for staff who may have a loved one or friend with dementia
- An exciting time capsule event that will see us burying time capsules along the scheme with COVID memoirs in (more about this at a later date)

You Said We Did - Working In Partnership With Our Local Community

We listen and take your concerns very seriously, building the scheme with our contractors means we are able to work together to mitigate works issues.

Jan 2021 - Mud on Leeds / Barwick Road - extra sweeper has been hired and used during peak periods

Feb 2021 - Mud on public footpaths - path sweeper ordered - paths were also manually cleaned by staff

Feb 2021 - Traffic lights holding traffic up unnecessarily - lights are now manually operated at peak periods



Just For Fun

The ELOR SCHEME

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TARMAC
CYCLEWAY
LANDSCAPE
COUNTRY PARK
CRANE
ENVIRONMENT
STEEL
SOCIAL VALUE
CONCRETE
BRIDGE
ROAD
COMMUNITY
EXCAVATOR
TREE PLANT
PARKS
ELOR
DRAINAGE
AMENITY
ROUTE
TRUCK
WALKWAY
GIRDER

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