

M11 Junction 7A

Construction Phase Newsletter

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A message from Councillor Lesley Wagland, OBE



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Welcome to the latest newsletter for the M11 J7A scheme

Over the last few weeks and months the scheme has been progressing at pace, and indeed you may well have seen that we have now reached the resurfacing stage at some points.

I would like to thank local people for their ongoing patience, particularly with the over-running works on the Churchgate roundabout.

Unfortunately, bad weather and material shortages meant that these works took longer than originally planned. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused during this time.

Sadly, we have received some complaints from residents about a small number of people speeding and ignoring the traffic management in place.

While we appreciate that being held up by traffic lights can be frustrating, please do bear in mind the safety of the site team, pedestrians, and other road users. We are monitoring this situation and any recorded incidents will be shared with Essex Police.

I am excited to see the benefits that this ambitious project will provide, including reduced traffic congestion in and around Harlow and new, sustainable public transport options.

If you have any questions in relation to the scheme, please do not hesitate to contact our contractor team on the details below.

For more information visit: www.essex.gov.uk/junction7a

Contact the project team: m11j7a@graham.co.uk

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Gilden Way Works Progress

Gilden Way

Works on Gilden Way continue with Acoustic Fencing continuing to be installed at various locations.

Landscaping is ongoing with a living screen being installed at Gilden Park.

Drainage works also continue throughout.

Widening works, including ducting for street lighting and the new traffic signals along Gilden Way/Sheering Road is nearing completion.

Looking Forward

December will see the beginning of the installation of the new traffic signals to Churchgate Roundabout.

Landscaping and planting works will continue along with the continued progress of acoustic fencing installation.

The New Year

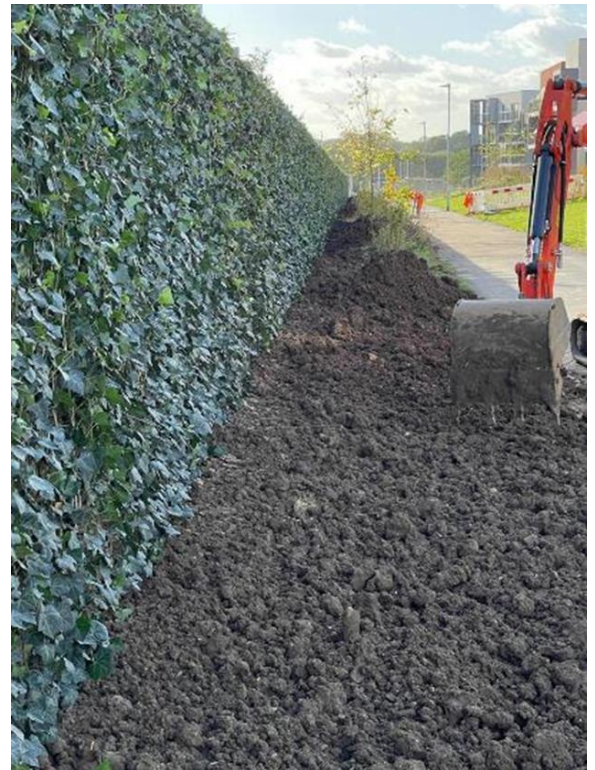
January will see the final surfacing of the existing Gilden Way carriageway begin. The newly installed traffic signals and street lighting will be commissioned and operational where possible.

Installation of the new retaining wall next to Mayfield Farm will begin and planting and fencing works will continue.

Site Closure Over the Festive Period

The site compound will be fully closed from Thursday 23 December until Tuesday 4 January 2022 inclusive.

The GRAHAM Team would like to wish the residents of Harlow a very peaceful and restful festive break. We look forward to continuing working with you in the New Year.





M11 Junction 7a Works Progress

The M11 Junction 7a works continue with the asphalt completed for the slip road tie-in works.

Overnight closures were necessary for the removal of the narrow lane running arrangements and cable pulling operations for the new M11 technology were completed at the same time.

Landscaping and fencing works are ongoing as are the kerb installations across the offline and link road sections.

The M11 overbridge has been backfilled and the waterproofing works are now complete in preparation for final finishes.

All drainage works are now completed and in the New Year we will be preparing for and completing further asphalt works throughout the remainder of the junction, the roundabouts and the link road.



Gantry installation and resurfacing works



Driving for Success!

GRAHAM was pleased to donate two electric ride on Bentley cars as auction prizes for the Daniel Robinson & Sons Annual Charity Golf Day at Colne Valley Golf Club in September.

The funds raised from the annual golf day will be used to help six local children (Summer, Aiden, Lenny, Lyncoln, Sid and Nat) in their shared goal - greater mobility.

All of the children have Cerebral Palsy in their lower limbs and the funds will help pay for specialist equipment and intensive physiotherapy, which is not available through the NHS.

They have already been making fantastic progress and this money will make a lasting difference, enabling them to achieve higher levels of mobility, increasing their confidence and independence, for today, tomorrow and the future.

Gary Neil (Managing Director), Daniel Robinson and Sons, praised the GRAHAM team for its generosity:

"I would like to thank you for your support through the Old Harlow office of donating not one, but two Bentleys. We managed to raise an incredible £44k for the six children we support, which means their specialist physio treatment will continue for the next year. It's really life changing for them."

The ride on cars donated by GRAHAM raised £1200 in the auction and contributed to a record-breaking overall total of £44,272.

Below: Summer, Aiden, Lenny and Lyncoln helping with the prize giving ceremony





Ho Ho Ho Old Harlow!

When GRAHAM received a request for sponsorship of the Old Harlow Christmas Lights from the Old Harlow Traders Association, we wanted to do what we could to help. After a meeting with the Association's team, we were happy to donate towards the festivities.

The exciting event took place on Saturday 20th November and by 4.30pm the High Street was busy with festive revellers!

Robert Halfon MP switched on the lights and expressed his gratitude to GRAHAM for their help. The Harlow Town Brass Band played and those who had gathered – over 300 people - sang Carols and Christmas Songs.

The decorations look amazing and the addition of a memory tree, where those who have lost a loved one could hang a bauble, brought something very special to this year.

Below: The organisation team with Robert Halfon MP and the invitation Poster



Above: Harlow Town Brass Band with Father Christmas



Above: The Christmas Lights in Old Harlow



Old Harlow Traders Association
are proud to announce the

Old Harlow High Street Christmas Lights 2021

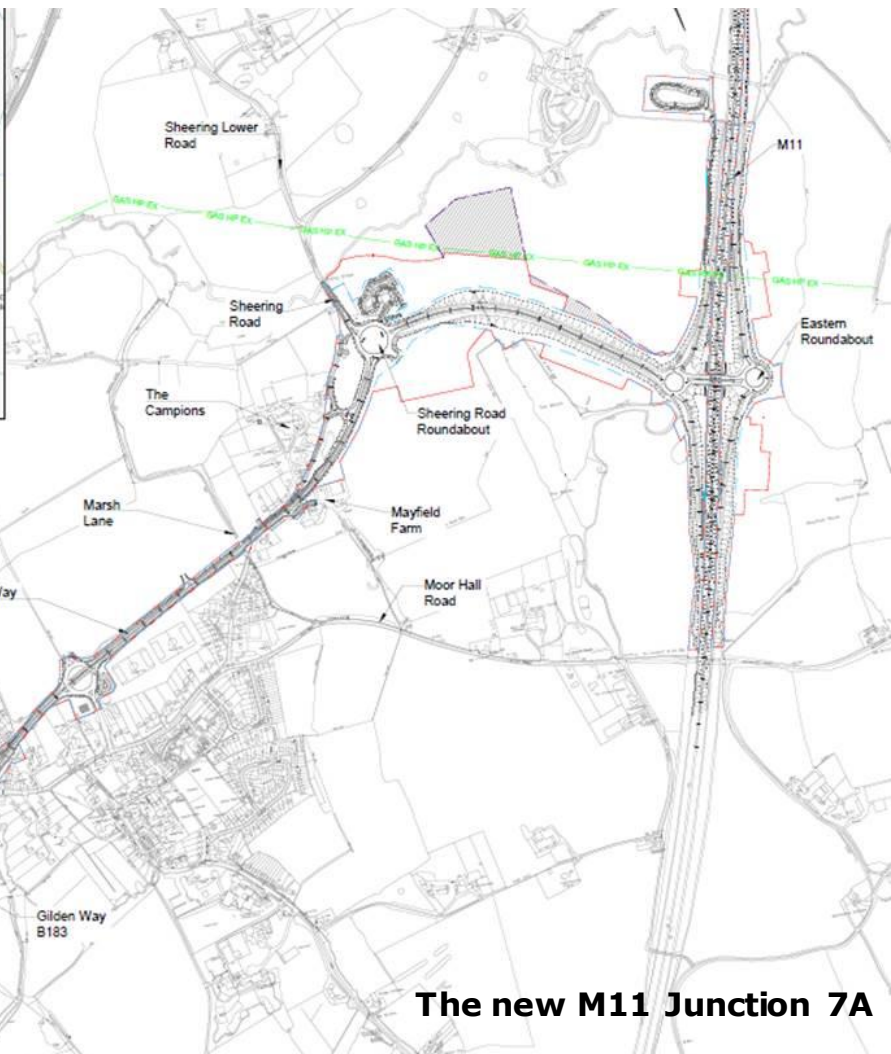
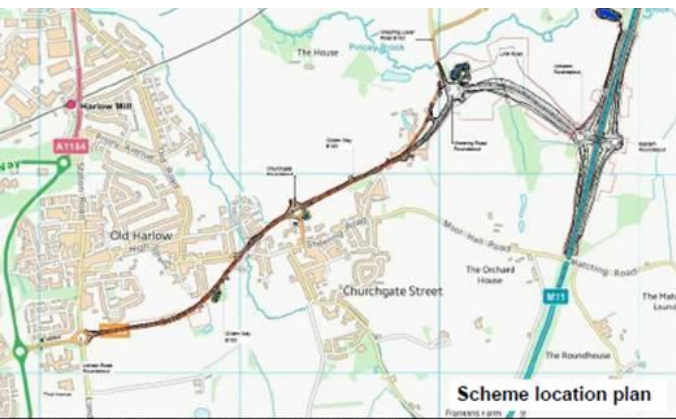
The official 'switching on' ceremony
will take place on
Saturday 20th November
at 4.30pm

This will be followed by the lighting of a special
"Memory Tree"
in the High Street and carols.

Our grateful thanks to
Graham Group
for sponsoring the
High Street lights

"Memory Tree" sponsored by
Daniel Robinson & Sons
(Incorporating
Masterston Funeral Home)

Main sponsor
GRAHAM FLOWER BOX DANIEL ROBINSON & SONS



The new M11 Junction 7A

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Work with our neighbours to reduce the impact our work has on local business and the community
- Ensure a traffic management system is in place and maintain a safe working environment at all times
- Monitor noise, vibration and dust to ensure they are kept within the permitted levels
- Support the local community through employment, buying from local suppliers and proactive stakeholder engagement

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This site is registered under the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) and as Partners, GRAHAM is committed to improving the image of the construction industry by striving to promote and achieve best practice at all our sites under the following code:

- Enhancing the **Appearance**
- Respecting the **Community**
- Protecting the **Environment**
- Securing everyone's **Safety**
- Caring for the **Workforce**



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