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In February 2022, a major landslip occurred on the B4069 at Lyneham Banks. Throughout 2022 we monitored ground movements to find a suitable window to access the site safely and undertake intrusive surveys. Following a period of significantly reduced ground movement during summer 2022 we were able to access the site and begin these investigations in late autumn 2022.

Ground investigations completed

The on-site ground Investigations were completed before Christmas, the information obtained through these investigations will help us to gain a better understanding of how the land failed and to develop design options for repairing the road. A ground investigation report is currently being prepared. This will clearly outline these findings and allow us to look at options for repairing the road.

Recent land movements

In early January 2023 we were alerted to a new ground movement in the area. This movement was within close proximity to the February 2022 landslip but on a significantly smaller scale. The localised landslip occurred between the Motorholics site and the public right of way (LYNE31) that runs along the top of the ridge. Our officers and consultants attended the site the following day to observe the land movements and discuss the situation with the local residents and businesses. We will continue to monitor the site.



Ongoing monitoring

As part of the ground investigations, we installed a number of long-term monitoring points to help us keep an eye on ground movements and also the water table in the area. This information will help feed into our overall understanding of the Lyneham Banks area, how and when movements are triggered and the impact of ground water on the bank. It will also help us to understand why the land moves and help us to design the remedial works.





Traffic surveys - December

In December, we undertook a further round of traffic surveys to help understand the impact of the B4069 closure and the recently introduced traffic management changes in the area. The results showed that traffic volumes on some local roads have increased due to the Clack Hill restrictions, while the average speed on most of the surveyed roads decreased. We are continuing to monitor the traffic management in the area and bringing forward further changes as and when required. A copy of the traffic survey report can be found on the [Lyneham Banks webpage](#).

Programme of works

- Design work: ongoing - winter 2023/24
- Procurement: winter 2023/24 - spring 2024
- Construction: spring 2024 - TBC



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