

Applications to discharge Conditions 5 and 7 of the A1301 Improvement Works Reserved Matters Approval 22/03615/REM:

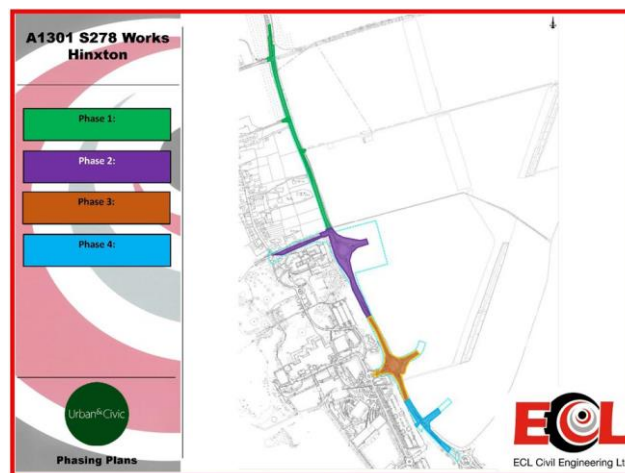
- **22/03615/COND7 : Details required by condition 7 Construction Environmental Management Plan ('CEMP')**
- **22/03615/COND5: Details required by condition 5 Construction Traffic Management Plan ('CTMP')**

Thank you for consulting Hinxtton Parish Council ('HPC') on the above applications.

CEMP - Phasing and Timescales

We note the overall phasing programme for the works as set out at Section 3.0 (pages 13 to 23 of the CEMP).

The plan on page 10 shows that the works are split into four sections :



The indicative timings for each phase are set out between pages 11 and 23 of the CEMP, and are summarised in the table below. ('Online' involves traffic management with signalling, and the figures below include a two week period for final surfacing works at night. 'Off-line' means that works are carried out on land not directly affecting the existing highway).

Phase	Notes	On-line	Off-line
1. A1301 north of New Road to point north of North End Road	Split into two sections (north and south bound). Works carried out under two-way lights with minor side road closures, set up daily.	51 weeks	
2. New Road from A1301 to High Street & A1301 from New Road to Campus Car Park D (including delivery of new northerly roundabout)	Split into three sections, east , west and south. Online duration (i.e. with traffic lights) 17 weeks. Closure of New Road programmed for 7 weeks, with associated diversion through village.	19 weeks	20 weeks

Phase	Notes	On-line	Off-line
3. From Campus Car Park D south to Campus Car Park A to Mill Lane Roundabout	Split into two sections, focused on delivery of the new southern roundabout.	12 weeks	25 weeks
4. From Campus Car Park A south to Mill Lane Roundabout	Split into two sections.	4 weeks	16 weeks
TOTALS		86 weeks	61 weeks

Even if the 7 weeks of night-time resurfacing work are discounted (although they will also cause inconvenience) **the on-line phases will last for some 20 months in total**. By their very nature, they will involve significant disruption to all road users, but particularly Hinxton residents trying to go about their daily business, e.g. the school run, commuting, etc. They will have a profound impact on the lives of Hinxton residents for a significant period.

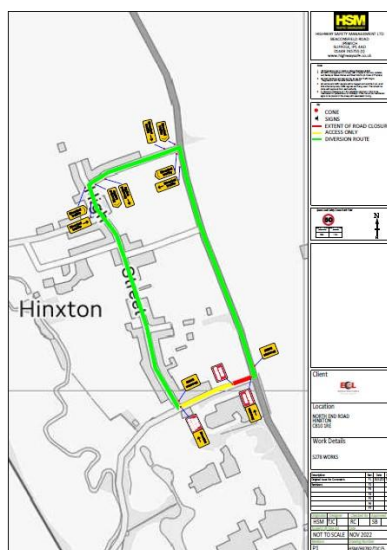
It is suggested that the works could potentially overlap (p.11 “the timings are not sequential in that one phase finishes before the next phase commences, they can be undertaken in tandem”). However, it is difficult to see how this could work in practical terms.

Some enabling works have already commenced, and traffic flows on the A1301 are already worse than ever. The existing congestion and delay will inevitably deteriorate even further once each of the on-line closures come forward. It would appear impossible to then overlap these since the network is already highly congested, beyond saturation, but obviously HPC would welcome discussions with the U&C and their contractors think otherwise, and that it is realistically possible to phase the work in tandem.

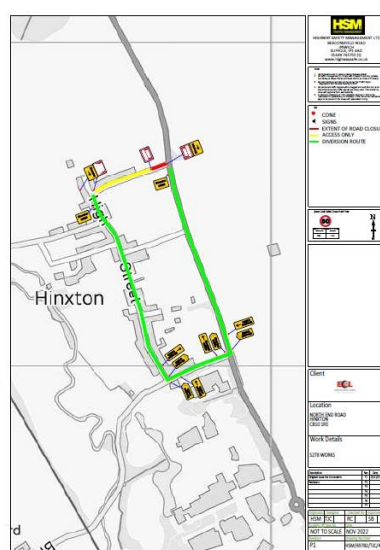
Can U&C please also provide a copy of the construction programme indicating when the works are due to start and complete. Please also confirm when the current temporary herras fencing will be replaced by more attractive hoardings.

- **CTMP Appendix C – Detailed Traffic Management Plans**

Both New Road and North End Road are to be closed:



New Road Closure
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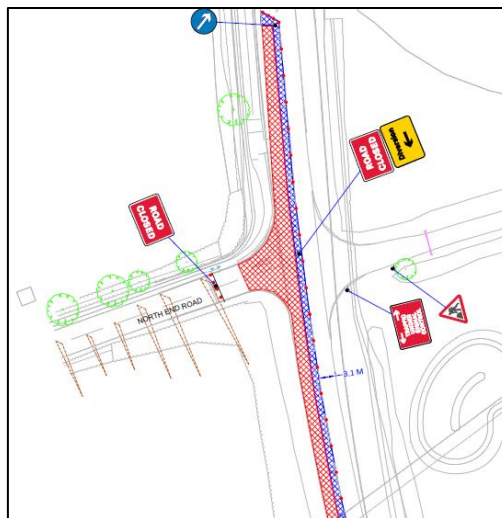
North End Road closure
HSM/69782/TJC/4 P1

New Road Closure

We understand that the duration will be seven weeks, so a significant inconvenience for Hinxton residents. We appreciate that the closure is required partially to implement the northerly roundabout, but apart from that why is it needed for such a sustained period given that, apart from final surfacing, the works largely do not involve the carriageway? i.e. the new pedestrian link on the southern side, removal of the boundary fence and replacement with estate railing, and the new wall, all on land beyond the carriageway.

North End Road Closure

It is understood that this is required to implement the s278 works shown on drawing HSM/69782/TJC/2 P1 (see extract below):



The CEMP states that the wider northbound and southbound works on this stretch of the A1301 will be on-line for 51 weeks, but it is unclear for how long the North End Road closure will be required. Please clarify?

Discouraging construction traffic into the village - Drawing 0049941-2318-CLP-SK0070 PO2

This indicates proposed wording to discourage construction traffic from entering the village.

In addition to southbound signs stating 'No Right turn for Construction Traffic' on the A1301, surely there should be additional signs for northbound traffic stating 'No Left turn for Construction Traffic'?

To reinforce the message, we also consider that additional signs are needed for both New Road and North End Road stating 'Access into Hinxton Village strictly prohibited for construction traffic' (or similar).

We also repeat our longstanding request (dating back to January 22) for the use of ANPR to monitor construction traffic and consequential traffic movements via Hinxton, Ickleton and Duxford back to the M11 at Junction 10.

- **CEMP - Dust / Noise / Site Artificial Lighting**

The works in Phases 1 and 2 will be the nearest of the entire project to existing residents of Hinxton.

We note the commitments for dust and noise mitigation and site artificial lighting (pages 28 -32) but request that further information is provided to assess its effectiveness on specific properties,

particularly those closest to the A1301 and New Road on the eastern and southern sides of the village.

- **CEMP - Liaison, consultation and publicity arrangements / Local Community and Third-Party Liaison**

We note the proposed consultation arrangements (pages 38/39) but consider they are too generic to address the specific issues faced by Hinxton (raised above).

We therefore request that a Hinxton sub-group of the CLG is formed allowing U&C and their contractors to engage in a more focused way to address the area-specific and property-specific concerns of Hinxton residents.

This would enable U&C and their contractors to work more directly, frequently and responsively with HPC to respond to residents legitimate concerns both before and during the implementation phase, and to establish a robust and effective mechanism to address issues as they arise.

Please also confirm the identity of the U&C dedicated Liaison Officer.

Summary & Conclusion

- **Road works**

The on-line phases of work will last for some 20 months in total and will have a profound impact on the lives of Hinxton residents. It is difficult to see how the various phases could potentially overlap, but HPC is keen to work with U&C and its contractor to understand how the construction period can be minimised.

Please confirm when the works are due to start and be completed.

Regarding the closure of New Road, please clarify why it needs to last seven weeks.

The proposed closure period for North End Road should also be clarified.

We consider that amended and additional signage is required to discourage construction traffic from entering the village, but also that construction traffic movements (and consequential traffic movements) should be monitored using ANPR with the related data shared with the village.

- **Dust / Noise / Site Artificial Lighting**

Please provide further information to assess the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation on the properties in Hinxton closest to the A1301 and New Road on its eastern and southern sides.

- **Community Liaison**

We consider the proposed consultation arrangements are too generic to address the specific issues faced by Hinxton. We request that a Hinxton sub-group of the CLG is formed allowing U&C and their contractors to engage in a more focused way to address the area-specific and property-specific concerns of Hinxton residents.

Please also confirm the identity of the U&C dedicated Liaison Officer.

Hinxton Parish Council

26 July 2023

cc Duxford and Ickleton PCs