

East Luton Corridor Improvements Scheme



SOUTH LUTON AREA COMMITTEE

Scheme Description:

- The East Luton Corridor Improvements Scheme involves major highway improvements along the corridor between M1 Junction 10A and London Luton Airport, creating additional highway capacity on the A1081 and A505 between Capability Green and the Airport Way/Kimpton Road Roundabout to make these dual carriageway standard. A new dual carriageway road to the Airport from the existing Airport Way to the rear of Barratt Industrial Park will also be provided as well as the improvement of intermediate junctions.
- The Scheme received full funding approval on 16th February 2006 in the sum of £22m partly funding by the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG) and the Department for Transport (DfT) from the Growth Area Fund (GAF) and the Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF), respectively.

Scheme Update:

- Works commenced on 19th June 2006 and is due for completion by Christmas 2007.
- The main contractor is Birse Civils Ltd.
- Season 1 earthwork operations are well underway involving the excavation of material adjacent to the Airport & Vauxhall which is being transported to the Park Street area to form new embankments for the widened road.
- Works have commenced on the 4 new bridge structures at Park Street, Lower Harpenden Road, Midland Mainline Railway and Airport Slip Road including piling, formwork, reinforcement and concrete foundations.
- Bridge beams for the new Midland Mainline Railway bridge will be lifted into place on Christmas day and Boxing day under a 2 day closure of the railway.
- 4 large drainage storage tanks have been installed adjacent to the River Lea to control the discharge into the Lea as per Environment Agency requirements.
- Traffic management measures including temporary speed limits are in place and as series of short term road closures are proposed in November & December on Kimpton Road, Lower Harpenden Road and Airport Way between Gipsy Lane & the Motorbodies roundabout.
- Carriageway widening work will commence mid-2007 once the new bridges and embankments have been formed.



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