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A350 NEWSLETTER – MAY 2025

PHASES 4 & 5 – Chippenham Bypass Dualling Project



BREAKING GROUND ON A SAFER, SMARTER A350

We're excited to share that **MJ Church** has **officially broken ground** on Phases **4 & 5** of the A350 Chippenham Bypass, appointed by **Wiltshire Council** as the principal contractor.

This scheme plays a central role in the Council's long-term vision to **dual the entire bypass around Chippenham**, helping to reduce congestion, improve safety, and unlock future growth across the region.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Improve road safety and reduce personal injury collisions
- Enhance journey reliability for local people and businesses
- Support housing and employment growth in Chippenham and beyond
- Reduce delays and improve access to encourage investment
- Maintain the strategic role of the A350 as a vital north-south route

A MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Dear Residents and Businesses,

We understand how important this scheme is for the local community, and we're committed to delivering it with care, consideration, and clear communication throughout.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to someone directly, please don't hesitate to get in touch:

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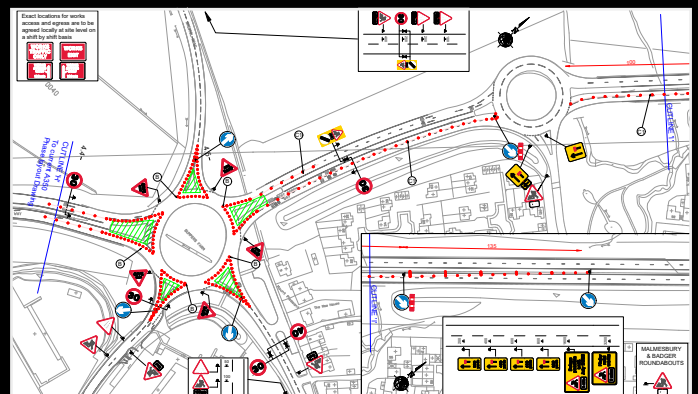
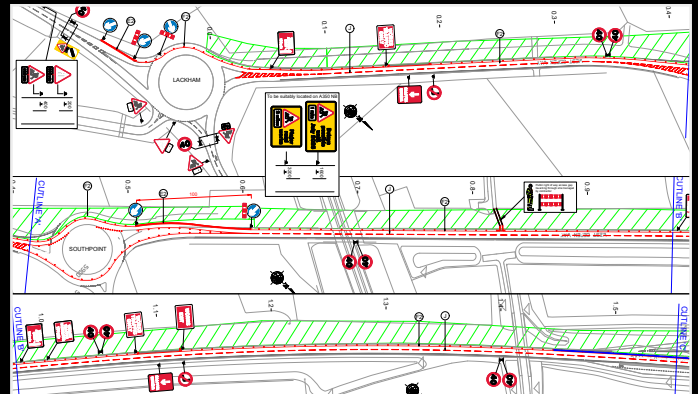
CONSTRUCTION NOW UNDERWAY

On **12th May**, we began the first phase of on-site works. Early activities include:

- Setting up the **site compound** using recycled materials on the access road and compound area.
- Digging **trial holes** to verify underground services.
- Working with **utility companies** to divert existing apparatus.

We've also implemented initial traffic management measures, including a 40mph temporary speed limit on parts of the bypass – thank you for adhering to this new speed limit.

From 2nd June, lane closures will be introduced at Bumpers Farm during off-peak hours (9:30am–3:30pm), and from 18th June, the bypass will be fully closed overnight for 10 nights between 8:00pm and 6:00am to install narrow lanes, this allows our workforce to work safely throughout the scheme duration. Diversion routes will be clearly signposted, so please plan ahead and allow extra time for your journeys.





COMMUNITY FOCUS – MEET THE CONTRACTOR EVENT

We recently held a successful **'Meet the Team' drop-in event** at MJ Church HQ on **Tuesday 6th May**, marking the start of the scheme and welcoming local residents, councillors, and stakeholders.

Visitors had a chance to explore the project plans, ask questions, and try out the **Plantforce simulators**, which mirror the high-tech plant machinery being used on site. Attendees also saw demonstrations of our **drone and digital survey equipment**, which will support accuracy and efficiency throughout delivery.

Early engagement like this helps build transparency and trust, and we'll continue to hold regular opportunities for local involvement as works progress.



LOOKING AHEAD

Over the next month, we'll continue:

- Surveying and ground preparation
- Utility diversions
- Implementation of extended traffic management, including lane restrictions
- Regular environmental monitoring and safety reviews
- Earthworks on Phase 4 and 5
- Site clearance on Phase 4 and 5
- Splitter island removal at Bumpers Farm Roundabout.

We'll provide updates on key milestones and road changes through this newsletter and on the project webpage.

KEEP UPDATED

You can keep up to date through our dedicated A350 project page, which includes:

- Monthly newsletters
- Traffic management and road closure alerts
- Project drawings and timelines
- Information on community engagement and social value

As part of our sustainability pledge, we'll send newsletters and updates electronically by default. If you'd prefer a printed version, just let us know.



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THANK YOU

We look forward to working closely with you and keeping you informed every step of the way. Together, we're building a safer, more connected future for Chippenham.

The A350 Project Team
MJ Church & Wiltshire Council