

## Happy New Year

The North Devon Link Road returned to action on 8th January 2024, following the Christmas construction break with a proactive restart strategy. This new year starts with challenges including storms and floods, but progress continues apace with resurfacing, the West Buckland Bridge structure and Borners Bridge roundabout in South Molton being the areas you will see most changes in the coming months.

### **February NDLR Project Update:**

Over January and for the remainder of the works we have increased the number of overnight closures and this will remain the case for remainder of the works. This is to accommodate the surfacing works which require a large number of deliveries and working immediately alongside the running lanes.

The work between Portmore roundabout and the new Landkey junction has been and will continue to be impacted by the weather on the formation of the landscape bund.

The piling work to the new footway/cycleway bridge at the new Landkey junction has commenced and will continue over the coming month with in-situ reinforced concrete works following. These will support the new steel structure which is in the final stages of production in the factory. It is currently in the paint shop having its protective coating applied, this will be followed by lighting being installed in the factory to minimise works on site.

Work between River Landkey and Yarnacott Bridge has seen drainage works to the South side commence and this will continue over the coming month. In parallel to this completion works to the North verge will be undertaken during the night shifts required for other works.

Work between Yarnacott Bridge and West Buckland Junction will continue with completion of the earthworks over the coming month and development of the additional Southern carriageway for West Flow traffic well in advance now. The traffic will be transferred to the North side of the new alignment in two stages over the next 2 months.

Works to the new bridge have resumed with the construction of the precast walls and earthworks behind the abutments and works to the arch structure will resume shortly.

Borners Bridge junction has continued with a new temporary alignment due for implementation shortly. This will allow construction of the North side of the roundabout with a target to have the construction sufficiently completed to maintain a functioning roundabout permanently open by Easter. Day shifts and overnight closures will be used after this date to complete the roundabout during May.

There will be a significant period of disruption late February through early March as waterproofing work to the existing structures is undertaken. Alun Griffiths will naturally prioritise these works and remove this traffic restriction as quickly as possible.

A big thank you to all the NDLR team for their hard work and the enduring patience and support from communities without whom this would not be possible..

Kind regards

The NDLR Team