



Cambridge Road, Harlow - Access Improvement Works.

Project Update

March 2024

Welcome to the project update newsletter for the Cambridge Road, Harlow - Access Improvement works, produced by Octavius Infrastructure, working for Essex County Council.

We have been appointed by Essex County Council to construct a new junction from Cambridge Road into the River Way Industrial Estate along with the construction of a new lorry park for Hoddesdon Distribution Ltd.

The improvement works are expected to be complete by 31st March 2024.

Future Traffic Management Update

There will be traffic lights on Cambridge Road for the next 3 weeks until we complete our works at the end of March.

Thank you for your patience and please bear with us whilst we complete these works.

What has been happening so far?

The Lorry Park is completed and in use. Including a sound reducing barrier fence.

The construction of the new junction is nearing completion

We have laid the new surfacing to Cambridge Road.



Site news – Upcoming works in March

- Installation and completion of gate systems, street lighting and signage will continue to completion in March.
- We will be completing the surfacing of footways on Cambridge Road and the final surfacing of the River Way Junction. During this time, we will ensure there is a safe route for pedestrians is maintained.
- The traffic signals at the old road junction, opposite the Beefeater restaurant are being renewed early in March.
- The installation of an extensive soft landscaping and planting scheme will be getting underway in March as we head towards completion. This includes over 100 semi mature native trees, and numerous native shrubs adding biodiversity to the area.



Inspiring Young Professional's

Jawad Chowdhury, a Trainee Placement Engineer from The University of Birmingham, has been working with Octavius Infrastructure from the beginning of the Harlow, Cambridge Road Access Improvements Project and is now supporting the site team.

Jawad said, "The reason I went into Engineering at University is because the built environment has always inspired and fascinated me. I had never had any on site experience, so it was a great opportunity for me to understand the workings on site in real time and something I wanted to progress in. I am grateful to Octavius for giving me this opportunity"

Sustainability and social value news

We measure our social value impact using Thrive, a measuring software tool. The value is calculated using Essex County Council TOMs (Themes, Outcomes and Measures) framework, which is fully aligned to the Government Social Value Model. The latest **Thrive Report** can be found on page 4.

We have helped to support a series of good causes. Together with our subcontractors, Barao Construction, we collected and delivered £90 food for the CHES Homeless Charity. Octavius donated £200 worth of adapted hand tools to The Butterfly Effect Wellbeing Hub in Harlow. We also went along to Tesco in Springfield to collect food for Fare Share. Robert Halfon was running a Job Fair in Harlow which two Octavius employees attended, with great success. Three Octavius employees and one Barao subcontractor volunteered their time at Hilly Fields with The Conservation Volunteers to cut down broken and self-seeded trees to make way for more biodiversity, building a fence from the trees we cut down.



Want to know more:

To find out more about the scheme, please visit:
www.essexhighways.org/harlow-cambridge-road.

Do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries at:
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The Harlow – Cambridge Road

Thrive report

January 2024



£557,752.00 Total Social Value Added*



Social & Local Economic Value



Local value

£115k Spend with Essex based small businesses

£396k Spend within Essex

3 Essex based employees working on the project



Social, wellbeing & community

Donating £200 worth of hand spades and trowels to Butterfly Effect Wellbeing Charity.

29 People hours spent supporting local community groups

12,810 miles saved using carpooling to work and home from site.



Employment, education & skills

The Social Value & Sustainability Adviser & the Trainee Placement Engineer went along to the Job Fair in Latton Bush Centre to give careers Advice and Support to 70 under 24's and 35 over 24's.

1 Trainee Placement Engineer on site

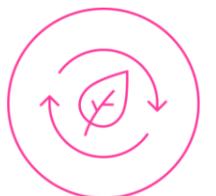


Sustainability

HVO instead of Diesel (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil) Saving 51.916 metric Tonnes of CO2.

Low emission staff vehicle saving 2,486 miles.

“Single Use Plastic” Toolbox Talk delivered.



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*including local economic value, measured using the Essex County Council TOM's Framework