

Autumn / Winter 2024



Project Update

After a busy summer and autumn period, we were pleased to open the first sections of the North Devon Link Road on Monday 11th November. Work on the improvement project between South Molton and Portmore roundabout, has been ongoing since early 2021, where the project has been widening two sections of road to provide overtaking lanes and upgrading four junctions.

The aim of the scheme is to improve road user safety and journey time reliability for anyone travelling on the A361. It will also support economic growth and unlock planned development in North Devon, and will help improve network resilience. The first upgraded sections which have been opened are:

Portmore roundabout to Landkey roundabout - this section has been resurfaced and includes a central hatched area to discourage overtaking. New signage has been erected and a new vehicle safety barrier has been installed on approach to Portmore roundabout.

Landkey roundabout and pedestrian/cycle bridge - the new Landkey roundabout replaced the old T-junction to improve safety. It has been designed to accommodate a fourth arm that will allow access to the proposed Westacott development area to the North of this roundabout. A new cycle and pedestrian bridge has been built at this roundabout to connect to the future Westacott development.

The remaining elements of the scheme are scheduled to be opened in the coming weeks as follows:

Landkey roundabout to Harford Cross - drainage has been improved, the carriageway pavement upgraded, and a central hatched area has been introduced to prevent overtaking. It also includes the start of the average speed camera section, monitoring speeds between Landkey roundabout and Aller roundabout.



Harford Cross to Yarnacott - this section has been widened to provide overtaking lanes, with a length for eastbound traffic and another length for westbound traffic. The widening involved substantial earthworks, with structures below the road, such as culverts, being extended. New drainage has been installed on this whole section along with new lengths of vehicle safety barrier.

Yarnacott to Riverton - this section has been resurfaced with a central hatched area to prevent overtaking. All drainage in this section has been renewed and new vehicle safety barrier installed.

Riverton to West Buckland junction - the road has been widened to provide two stretches of overtaking lanes, one in each direction. This whole section has had new drainage upgraded to accommodate heavier spells of rain and new vehicle safety barrier installed.

West Buckland junction - a new junction has been constructed with a new overbridge to replace the previous staggered crossroads. This new junction will improve traffic safety for all.

West Buckland Junction to Filleigh Bridge - this section has been widened to provide overtaking lanes for eastbound traffic. Drainage has been improved and new vehicle safety barrier has been installed.

Borners Bridge Junction and Hacche Lane Junction - Borners Bridge is a new elongated roundabout that replaces the previous staggered crossroads. The roundabout improves safety, particularly for vehicles making a right turn. Right turns will also be prohibited at Hacche Lane T-junction to further improve safety. The existing Mill Stream culvert has been extended to accommodate the new roundabout. The adjacent bridleway has been maintained, with new footways connecting to the roundabout.



After all new sections of the road have opened to traffic, some minor works and scheme landscaping will continue. Thank you for your ongoing patience and support during this scheme. If you have any questions, please contact our Public Liaison Officer.

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