

**Item 8**

**HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT M65/JUNCTION 13 WORKS  
UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Work start date:** 22/02/16

**Work Scheduled completion date:** 31/03/17

**Current estimated completion date:** 31/03/17

**Progress:** On target

Works have now been completed by Transco to divert the gas main on the roundabout which has allowed our works to progress.

To give some indications of the volume of material that's been excavated and delivered to site recently, 4000 tonnes of soil have been removed from the roundabout to allow the road widening and 1700 tonnes of hardcore have been delivered to site to provide the capping layer for the new slip road for vehicles leaving Barrowford. There has therefore been some significant site traffic if you consider the maximum load capacity of an HGV at 44 tonnes. The local road users have been fortunate as we have managed to focus a number of deliveries during the half term period to reduce the impact on the surrounding highway network. There will however be further deliveries required, as an example, a further 3000 tonnes of base course material to site to enable new highway construction.

We are due to start construction of the traffic signal underground ducting in the coming weeks which will result in localised lane closures and the temporary closure of bypass at the roundabout to enable this during December. The works to provide the signal ducting across the bypass will be undertaken overnight and will only be in place when required during this phase of the works. A signed diversion will be in place via Carr Road during the closure, although larger vehicles will be advised to utilise Junction 8 on the M65 due to the 26T weight limit on the Carr Road Canal Bridge.