

**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

We are continuing to work with National Grid Transco to divert the gas main to enable our works and whilst we initially estimated this element of the works would be completed by the end of August this has yet to be completed. Transco has yet to complete the diversion due to the need to divert other utility apparatus and complications they have experienced decommissioning the existing main. As mentioned in my previous update this hasn't delayed the overall delivery of the project and we have taken this opportunity to work on other phases of the program such as the construction of the new link road onto the roundabout from Barrowford.

Cones have now been placed on the top roundabout to prevent vehicles undertaking the full circle of this roundabout and it appears to be working well. We are aware the reduction to one lane for vehicles exiting Barrowford has caused increased levels of congestion on the A682. This is required due to the need to use temporary retaining structures on the adjacent embankment. We are aiming to open the new link road from Barrowford sometime in mid to end November, although there may be a continuing need to restrict capacity to one lane for a period following this. It is also worth noting at this stage, as works progress on the roundabout, this will result in the need to provide localised lane closures, but we will aim only to place these during off peak periods i.e. 9.30am-3.30pm.