

## **M65/JUNCTION 13 IMPROVEMENT WORKS – FURTHER UPDATE**

Below is some further information on the M65/Junction 13 improvement works from County Council.

Work start date:	22/02/16
Work Scheduled completion date :	31/03/17
Current estimated completion date:	14/04/17

As stated previously there is a need to place overnight road closures at the end of March early April to enable the final surface course to be laid and the installation of the new road markings. Whilst a Temporary Traffic Order is in place for four weeks to cover this aspect of our works we don't anticipate the closure will be required until the 27<sup>th</sup> March and the current aim is to commission the new traffic signals on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. Following the commissioning of the signals we will be making arrangements to remove our temporary site cabins and undertake landscaping works. The temporary pedestrian crossing facility which has been installed adjacent the Thatch and Thistle PH will need to remain in place until the permanent signals are commissioned to protect vulnerable road users that wish to cross the A6068. Whilst the county council appreciate the problems that can be created due to the position of this temporary crossing facility whilst pedestrians can cross the road under controlled conditions, the crossing facility has been placed on an established desire line for vulnerable road users to cross the A6068 and a footway isn't available on the northerly side of the A6068 to enable the crossing to be relocated to an alternative location. I must also highlight that pedestrian or vulnerable road user safety whilst our works are being undertaken must take priority. We have also agreed to place a 'KEEP CLEAR' road markings adjacent the right turn exit from Nelson & Colne College to assist in vehicles wishing to exit the college that are heading toward the motorway junction.