



Further to our project update in November we would like to provide you with further information regarding the activities carried out since then.

We made a commencement of works as planned but unfortunately owing to some further required amendments to the Traffic Management Plan we

were not able to deploy the Traffic Management (TM) before the Christmas shutdown. Some of the changes are described in more detail below.

We will re-commence on or around **Monday 8th January 2018**.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT:

Key changes to the TM are that the temporary speed limit on the A1 will be reduced to 40 mph. Other changes include closing the Northbound entry to the A1 from Bell Lane (only whilst the TM is deployed) and therefore providing a more defined separation of traffic from our construction access. We also obtained consent for closure of the dead-end part of Bell Lane during times when the TM is deployed in order to facilitate temporary parking for TM vehicles etc. This will only be applicable during times when the TM is deployed.

Some complaints were received related to HGV vehicles going through the village and it appears there was confusion with HGV vehicles accessing a barn construction at Church Farm. We have therefore added additional signage to highlight that Wind Farm deliveries should not go through the village and as before this embargo will continue to be added to vehicle delivery instructions at placement of order. Owing to some complications experienced with our TM subcontractor we have decided to commence with a new TM contractor in January who has the benefit of already being used on other TM on the A1. This change has been agreed with Highways England. The civil engineering contractor, Jones Bros, remains unchanged.

By way of reminder the TM scheme will be implemented between the hours of 10:00am and 2:30pm. We intend to minimise the amount of disruption caused and will seek to avoid deploying the TM on days where it is not required. Between the hours of 10am and 2.30pm there will be no access from the A1 to Bell Lane when approaching from the north and as described above the revisions to the TM will prevent northbound access to the A1 from Bell Lane during these hours.

CONSTRUCTION:

The main works construction programme remains unchanged and we expect that to commence in April 2018. We are pleased to clarify local rumours that accused an intention on our part to lay a cable down the verge of the A1 was, to coin a phrase, 'fake news' which appeared to be groundlessly promoted locally (including to a government agency) by certain individuals whose intent remains unclear to us. We are happy to dispel this misinformation and confirm that the project will connect to the grid (via a proposed underground cable) to the existing 33kV overhead line that runs approximately east to west just north of the wind turbines. All necessary consents and wayleaves are in place for this.

COMMUNITY LIAISON:

We have decided for the time being that the most constructive form of community liaison will be via regular mail drops such as this document supplemented by addressing any specific points directly via the contact details below. This will be reviewed as the project progresses, but we do intend to provide further information on the Community Fund in early 2018 via this form of communication. The E-mail below will be monitored over the Christmas period should there be a need for any queries to be raised during the shutdown.

Wishing a merry Christmas to all.



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