

Newsletter

ELOR Gets the Newest Member of its Team



This week the ELOR Project Team welcomed “Basil the BB(Balfour Beatty) Brush”. He will be employed for the duration of the project to keep existing roads around the project clean and safe. Most of his work will be concentrated around existing junctions along the length of the project.



Updated ELOR and COVID-19 Information

As we continue to increase the number of contractors on site. We have been increasing our controls around COVID-19. The CLC (Construction Leadership Council) have issued new guidelines to help construction sites manage the associated risks. Consequently, a revised Risk Assessment has been shared by Balfour Beatty which has enabled us to review and ensure all of the appropriate measures are in place.

We have continued with the one-way system around the office block and continue to engage with our workforce around maintaining social distancing and good hygiene including hand washing more frequently.

We continue to monitor this situation to ensure the safety of our staff and the public.

Additional Site Safety Measures

- 3 additional full-time cleaners working during our operational hours, to ensure that cleanliness within all buildings is always maintained.
- Operational staff have been allocated their own site vehicle to ensure social distancing is always adhered to.
- Staff now have their own offices as opposed to office sharing and where possible staff are still working from home.
- Additional welfare units have been placed onsite to ensure there is enough space to maintain social distancing.
- Additional support has been offered to those working from home to lessen the risk of social isolation.
- Staff receive daily group communication emails to inform them of COVID19 developments within the business and any changes to guidelines.
- Meetings are held using 'Teams' or 'Skype' instead of the traditional face to face forum.



ELOR Phase 3 Progress

Compound

The ELOR Project Team compound is now fully operational. Once Government restrictions are lifted we will be welcoming the public to site.

Here you will be able to view existing plans of the scheme and staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.



Completed site compound.

Ecology Works

During the last month we have completed the following:

- Installation of 30-meter Owl exclusion zone at Skelton Lane
- Monitoring onsite for nesting birds is taking place and will continue over the next month to ensure no nesting birds are disturbed during construction.
- A temporary culvert that will incorporate a separate pipe for Otters to pass through the Cock Beck area during construction works is being developed.

*****Archaeology News *****

Our Archaeological Team have been working on the ELOR Project since the start of the phase three works in February ensuring that archaeology is recorded in advance of the main works.



Archaeological dig at Cock Beck.

We are working with our archaeologists to deliver a digital seminar on the archaeological works and findings from the ELOR scheme.

A live broadcast will be available online for the public to log in to. Here our archaeologists will give a visual talk on the project sites and any findings to date.

Our experts will be on hand to answer any of your archaeology questions.

The date of the broadcast will be communicated via www.elor.uk.

You can also email elor@leeds.gov.uk if you would like to be added to our mailing list for communications.

Programme of Works from June – July.

Planned Construction Works for the next 8 weeks will consist of:

- Archaeologist will continue to supervise the removal of the top soil. This is to clear the areas to allow the start of the main road construction which begins in late June
- We have approximately 4km of boundary fence left to erect, this will continue through the months of June and July. This is to ensure there are clear boundaries between public areas and construction areas of works for the safety of the public.
- We are continuing to construct the temporary plant crossings, to protect the existing services in the pavements, on the following new junctions:
 - Leeds Road / Barwick Road
 - York Road A64
 - Skeltons Lane
 - Wetherby Road A58

These works are to allow us to move soil to different areas of the scheme safely and to minimise any construction traffic on the adjacent network.

There will be 4-way traffic signals in operation in these areas.

- The main construction works for the new roundabouts at Leeds Road / Barwick Road and the A64 York Road will commence in late June.
- Mid July main drainage works will commence at Leeds Road / Barwick Road and A64 York Road.
- Late July construction work will commence at Cock Beck.

Temporary Traffic Management News

Temporary two-way traffic lights will be in place in the following locations listed below. Temporary traffic signalling is required to allow us to safely construct temporary plant crossings.

We apologise in advance for any delays caused by our works.

Monday 8th June – For 1 Week

Two-way lights will be in operation from 9.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Fri on the A64 York Road.

Monday 8th June – For 2 weeks

Two-way lights will be in operation from 9.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday on the A58 Wetherby Road.

Monday 15th June – For 2 weeks

Two-way lights will be in operation from 9.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday A58 Skeltons Lane.

Monday 15th June – 65 weeks

Four – way lights will be in operation in the following locations. This is to allow heavy plant to cross safely.

Leeds Road / Barwick Road
Barwick Road
A64 Leeds Road

Meet the Team

Every Newsletter we will include some details about some of our team members. This month is Neshe Limbu's turn:



My name is Neshe Limbu and I am the daughter of an Ex-Gurkha. I am studying BEng Civil Engineering at Leeds Beckett University.

I am doing my placement year with Balfour Beatty. My placement not only gives me a better understanding of Civil Engineering, but it has also helped shaped me as an effective person.

My initial inspiration to become a Civil Engineering came from growing up in an underdeveloped country (Nepal) and moving to developed country (UK). Seeing the difference in the urban planning between these two different countries made me interested in Civil Engineering.

Social Value

During this time social value activities have been restricted due to Government restrictions.

Until the restrictions are lifted, we will be looking at new and innovative ways in which we can work and deliver social value within our communities.

Schools Engagement

At the present time schools and colleges remain closed which has meant all community engagement is currently on hold due to social distancing enforcement.

We are looking at ways in which we can work with schools and young people to continue the work that the Project has been engaged in.

Prince's Trust

As part of our continuous commitment to social value we have a rolling programme of work experience students.

We are pleased to announce that a candidate from the Prince's Trust Team will be starting his employment with us on the 1st July.



Project Recce

The ELOR communication team continue to volunteer their time to Project RECCE, a social enterprise created by former service personnel to support other service leavers into new careers in the construction industry. The team have been mentoring individual candidates to ensure they have the greatest chance of success in their endeavours. We wish all of the candidates the best of luck with their journey.