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Project Introduction

Armley Gyratory is a key junction on the Inner Ring Road to the West of Leeds city centre. It is a major entry/exit point for traffic travelling through and into the city with an estimated 100,000 vehicles passing through daily.

Improvements to the gyratory aim to:

- Improve safety for all road users
- Allow traffic to flow more freely, minimising traffic impacts on local roads
- Provide more appealing and accessible routes for pedestrians and people who cycle
- Help facilitate improvements elsewhere in the city, like closing City Square to vehicles
- Improve the local environment through new landscaping

This project is part of Connecting Leeds' work on several major highways schemes, which are all part of transforming travel in the city and across the district.



Aerial photo of Armley Gyratory looking East with Leeds City Centre in the background

The story so far

In our previous newsletter we highlighted achieving the key milestone of switching the major traffic onto the new alignment. Following on, construction commenced to all external areas of the gyratory, working by day where possible and where not, night-time traffic lane closures have been utilised in order to minimise disruption as far as practically possible.

Key activities carried out during this time include:

- Splitter islands (all): Kerb realignment and maintenance bay installation: 75% complete
- Ducting installation continued: 90% complete.
- Street lighting columns installation: 50% complete.
- Excavation to storm water attenuation tank – 100% complete.
- Storm water attenuation tank installation (image below) – 75% Complete.
- Deltabloc road restraint protection system to existing sign gantries: 100% complete.
- Vehicle Restraint system: 70% complete.

Around 700m3 excavation was recently completed to facilitate the installation of a new buried 200m3 surface water storage/attenuation system (image below) which will help prevent the future area flooding during storm flow conditions.



Installation of the storm water attenuation tank crate system

Meanwhile, the project structures team have continued the west gyratory widening at the NEGAS underpass structure which will provide additional carriageway and footway/cycle capacity on the gyratory (image below). Works in this area are planned to be completed ahead of the forthcoming final carriageway surfacing works in August 2023.

Check out the most recent progress in the photos below taken in early May 2023.



West Gyratory: Structural elements complete with greenslope wall nearing completion



Aerial photo of the Armley Gyratory



Canal Street: New road alignment, traffic splitter modification works and maintenance bay under construction



A643 Ingram approach: New kerb alignment and traffic splitter island under construction

What happens next?

Over the next few months, the team will be working towards achieving the following

- Complete vehicle restraint system.
- Complete all kerbing construction works.
- Complete all verges and islands
- Complete lighting column installation.
- Complete installation of stormwater attenuation tank and commence backfilling.
- Substantially complete all underground ducting for traffic signals & street lighting.
- Preparations for the construction works to undertake the carriageway surfacing and road markings are being finalised for the summer. Partial closures of the gyratory will be required with works taking place predominantly on nights to limit disruption throughout the summer.

Further information will be provided over the coming weeks in advance of the works taking place.

Social value updates

Supporting the community

In the run up to Easter, the project team collected Easter Eggs to donate to local community charity Armley Helping Hands.

The team collected a total of 106 eggs! Such a great collection enabled Armley Helping Hands to not only distribute these to those attending their lunchtime community events, but it also allowed donations to reach those who are vulnerable in the community and require outreach support.

"Your visit brought joy and happiness but more importantly gave our older people a sense of meaning in life and made them aware there are people in the community who care about them. Many of the participants who received the eggs do not see people week to week apart from their visit at Armley Helping Hands or a visit from their carers"

– Armley Helping Hands



Apprentice spotlight



The Armley Gyratory team would like to extend a warm welcome and congratulations to Conal Gaughan who has recently joined the team as an Apprentice Civil Engineer.

Conal started his journey working on the East Leeds Orbital Route (ELOR) in May 2021 as a chainman with a subcontractor. As a result of his hard work, dedication and commitment he has secured an apprenticeship working with the main contractor, Balfour Beatty.

Welcome to the team Conal!

Helping the environment

In April, the Balfour Beatty Armley Gyratory team spent two days volunteering in Armley and Gotts Park with the Leeds Parks and Countryside Service.



The team were surrounded by an abundance of wild garlic and bluebells as they were put to work by our friendly ranger Roger. Volunteers were tasked with spreading limestone along high footfall areas of the woodland path, making the footways more accessible for users of the park.

We will be visiting again in June to continue the work of Roger and his team!







Getting in touch

Please sign up for the ‘latest news’ on the project by visiting the website and registering your email: www.leeds.gov.uk/armleygyratory

If you have questions about the scheme, you can email us at: connectingleeds@leeds.gov.uk

You can also join the conversation on social media by following @ConnectingLeeds on Twitter and Facebook.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience and assure you that every effort will be made to keep disruption to a minimum.

Kind regards

The Connecting Leeds Team

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