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Dawsons Corner / Stanningley Bypass newsletter July 2026

Welcome to our Dawsons Corner Newsletter update.

Works are progressing well, with phase four of construction underway. Please find out more about updates on enabling works and project progress.

Project overview

Dawsons Corner connects the A647 Stanningley Road and the A6120 Ring Road, two of the most important routes in the city, and key routes for trips made within West Yorkshire. Around 57,000 vehicles and 1,200 pedestrians and cyclists use Dawsons Corner every day.

The scheme aims to:

- Improve safety for people walking, wheeling, and cycling.
- Improve connectivity in key areas by providing pedestrian and cycling facilities at the junction linking in with the Leeds Bradford Cycle Superhighway.
- Make bus journeys more reliable with improved bus facilities and dedicated bus lanes on the A647 Bradford Road.
- Widen the carriageway on the A6120 Ring Road to improve the junction and accommodate a shared pedestrian / cycle route.
- Improve connectivity between Leeds and Bradford, supporting economic growth.
- Create enhanced landscaping and planting features.



Key milestones achieved and progress

- A major phase was completed with the construction of the new junction lay out at the end of April. This saw significant changes in how road users, pedestrians and cyclists navigate the junction.



Dawsons Corner Junction: Drone Footage

- Fencing works have been completed on the Northeast footpath which will tie-in to the shared footway on the A6120 Ring Road Farsley, providing key pedestrian and cyclist connectivity.



A6120 Ring Road, Farsley (East side): Footway

- We have also made significant progress with the footpath construction on the A647 Bradford Road (Eastbound) and are now into the final stages.



Bradford Road (B6157): Segregated Footway/Cycleway

Ring Road Pudsey Closure

- There were night works at Wood Nook Tunnel A647 Stanningley Bypass (Northbound) in June with temporary full road closures in place. This was required to carry out the safety barrier upgrade works (below) safely and to avoid peak traffic times.



Please be aware that works are still ongoing, with day and night lane closures and associated traffic management will remain in place throughout the year. Vehicular and pedestrian access to New Pudsey train station, Owlcotes Shopping Centre and other businesses remain open as usual.

Take extra care when travelling through the junction, with a 30mph speed limit in place. Thank you for your patience while we deliver safer, more reliable journeys.

Attenuation tank

On Monday the 8 June a 400-tonne crane was erected on the site to start works on the attenuation tank.

What is it? An attenuation tank is a large underground structure designed to capture and store excess rainwater, then at a slow and controlled rate releases the water back into the underground drainage network. It can store up to 650 cubic meters of water.

Why is it important? It helps improve drainage resilience on the A647 and assists in reducing flood risk downstream. As part of the tank, there is a hydro-brake system device that controls water flow to 5 litres per second into the existing drainage network.

To keep water moving efficiently, it is built with a gradient and dry weather channel. Although it will not be visible when completed, it is a vital part of the scheme that will help manage surface water (rainfall) and cope with extreme weather events now and in the future.



Dawsons Corner Junction: View of the Crane



Dawsons Corner Attenuation Tank: Precast Concrete Wall Units



Dawsons Corner Attenuation Tank: Steel Reinforcement Installation

What's next...

Dawsons Corner Junction

- Construction works in all areas will continue to progress at the junction including, construction of footways, cycleways, kerbing works to form new pedestrian and traffic islands.

- Wood Nook Tunnel (Railway Bridge) structural widening works has commenced on the eastern side (Stanningley Bypass) and is progressing as planned.

- Ring Road, Farsley western footpath leading to Co-op Academy Priesthorpe School. Construction works to widen the existing footpath is anticipated to commence 20 July during the summer school holiday period.

Stanningley Bypass: Resurfacing Works

The next major phase of works will begin in the summer holiday period between Monday **27 July** – Wednesday **26 August**, where we will be undertaking carriageway re-surfacing and drainage repair works along Stanningley Bypass (north and southbound), from Swinnow Lane and near Spring Valley Crescent pedestrian footbridge.

To facilitate the installation of the traffic management and temporary contra-flow layout, there will be multiple **full night closures in place between the hours 20:00pm and 5:00am.** Further details are shown below.

Road users can expect:

- Traffic management in place 24/7, including a 30mph speed limit
- Contraflow operating:
  - Southbound: 8pm Monday 27 July to Monday 10 August
  - Northbound: 5am Tuesday 11 August to Friday 21 August
- Partial closures during set-up and switch-over periods, with signed local diversions
- Full overnight closures on Stanningley Bypass near Swinnow Lane for resurfacing on:
  - Monday 24 August (8pm–5am)
  - Tuesday 25 August (8pm–5am)

The following dates are also required for full bypass overnight closures to safely install, switch and removal of traffic management:

- Monday 27 July (contraflow installation – southbound)
- Tuesday 28 July (contingency date)
- Monday 10 August (contraflow switch)
- Friday 21 August (removal of contraflow)





Traffic Management Installation: Diversion plan in place

Phases of works and key milestones

To view the animation available which shows the phases of work, click the link below;

Have Your Say Today - New Dawsons layout - Dawsons Corner

Social Value and Community Engagement

Through Leeds City Council every project is committed to delivering a social return on investment to the local community. Sisk have completed volunteering and donated to local groups recently and spending money locally is a key part of the community benefit.

Farsley Festival

Gareth, a member of Love Farsley CIC asked for volunteers to help at the annual Farsley Festival held at Hainsworth Park on Saturday 20 June. The social value team at Dawsons Corner project site reached out to their subcontractors and two volunteers from Sisk's supply chain Kilmartin Ltd, attended and helped with the setup – Erecting gazebos and laying out tables and chairs making sure it was ready for when they opened to the public at 12:00pm.



Member of Love Farsley CIC, Gareth said: "The festival all ran very smoothly and the setup seemed to be done in record time... Thanks again for your help with this, it's very much appreciated."

Grounds support for Farsley Farfield Primary School

Headteacher Peter Harris, reached out to Sisk asking if we could help the school with some improvement projects. One being, to create a small turning circle to allow decent space for the minibuses to manoeuvre to avoid driving onto the nearby grass area. This was successfully completed by our team on Wednesday the 10 June.

“Thank you so much for organising the extension to the turning area.”

Peter Harris, Head Teacher, Farsley Fairfield Primary School





T Level sessions at Leeds College of Building

A small group at Sisk attended the college on Thursday 18 June to deliver a presentation to a class of construction students. We gave them background information on Sisk and what we offer as a company for apprenticeships, the different careers available within the construction industry and showed them video tutorials from current apprentices. At the end of the session some students came up to ask further questions, and we have received a number of CVs to review and consider for our next placement opportunity.

Work Experience



At the start of May we began hosting a 16-week work experience placement through the PlanBEE programme for Euan, who is currently undergoing a Design, Construction and Management Apprentice at Gateshead College. Also, he has successfully secured a Civil Engineering Degree top up as an apprentice with Sisk from September 2026. This rotation placement will provide an excellent learning opportunity for him. We are so pleased to have him onboard and look forward to seeing his progression in engineering!



We held two students at the end of June from Co-op Academy Priesthorpe, Abdul (middle in photo) and Harry (left in photo) pictured with Sisk Engineer Harry, for a one-week work experience placement at the Dawsons Corner site. Both are currently studying a GCSE Level construction course and are interested in a career in construction. This placement gives them some real insight into how the industry works.

Abdul said: "I've found it very interesting and learned a lot. The people have been nice, and it's been better than I expected."

Harry said: "Some things I wasn't expecting, but they were good things. I've seen different roles like design and computer work. It's made me still very interested in a career in construction."

Getting in touch

You can keep up to date on the latest news on the project by following us on social media: @ConnectingLeeds on X and Facebook.

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

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing patience during these works.