Newsletter

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Welcome to our Dawsons Corner Newsletter update October/November 2025.

Works are progressing well, with Phase 1 of construction underway. 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 Dawsons Corner 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 over summer

Over the summer, resurfacing and road joint replacement works were successfully completed on programme. We understand that this work was disruptive, these works will provide an improved road surface for motorists upon completion of the scheme.

More recently we've been carrying out road works to facilitate new electricity cables throughout the scheme. These new connections are a vital part of the scheme of the scheme as they will provide power for new traffic lights and other lighting as part of the finalised scheme.

We've also made significant progress in creating the foundations for the new road layout, as shown in the picture below. In this area, we've removed thousands of tonnes of soil which has all been sent for reuse and recycling either on other parts of the scheme or on other construction sites. Over the coming months you'll start to see the road being constructed.



Drone footage: Southwest Earthworks

Ring Road Farsley (A6120)

Works have progressed on the ring road including earthworks, utility diversions and drainage repairs. These works are to facilitate the carriageway widening and improved pedestrian and cycle footways. Additionally, site clearance of the existing roundabout is progressing which will include the re-position of the existing CCTV mast.



Drone footage: Ring Road, Farsley



Drone footage: Existing Roundabout clearance

BT Openreach works

A lane on eastbound B6157 Bradford Road was closed for seven weeks to allow BT Openreach to demolish and rebuild a manhole and relocate associated cables. This work was unfortunately delayed by one week due to unexpected ground conditions and poor weather, but we're pleased to report that this was completed, and the road reopened on 24 October.

We'd like to thank you for your patience while this work was ongoing.



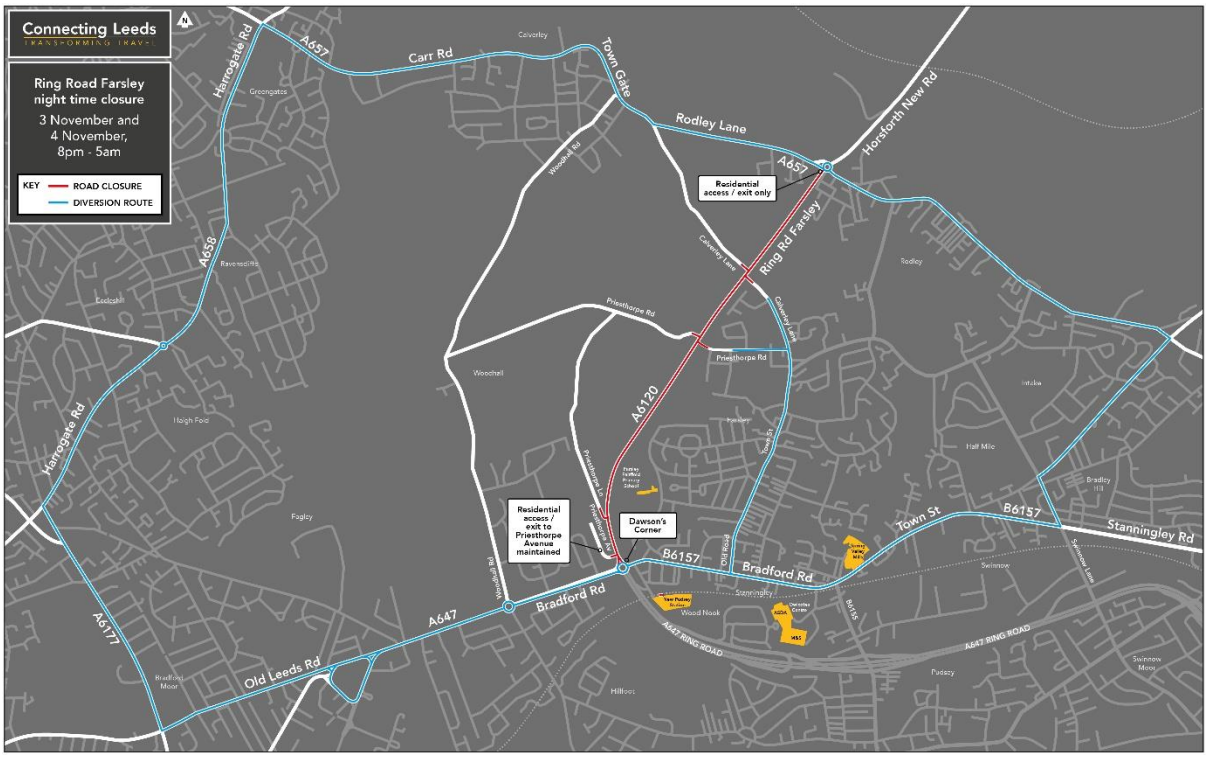
Drone footage: Bradford Road Lane Closure During the works

What's next...

Farsley ring road closure 3 and 4 November

Farsley Ring Road will be closed from Dawsons Corner roundabout to Rodley roundabout from 8pm to 5.30am for two nights. The road will reopen each morning. This closure is required for the safety of the workforce and to facilitate Northern Power Grid to install new underground cables in the road. A clearly signed diversion will be in place and a diversion map is shown below.

Residential access will be maintained throughout the work by our traffic management operatives. Access for emergency vehicles will also be maintained.



Diversion Plan

Social Value and Community Engagement

We were contacted recently by the head teacher of Farsley Farfield School with a request for any spare Heras fences.

These were to be used by the school to create an enclosure for their newest additions – a group of pygmy goats!

We donated 10 panels, along with fixings and blocks and we'll continue to work with the school while were on site.

"Thank you so much for the heras panels that SISK kindly donated to our school to help with the creation of a goats enclosure on our school farm.

We have been busy over the weekend and are nearly ready for three Billy Goats Gruff to join us before the end of the month."

Peter Harrison, Headteacher, Farsley Farfield school



Work experience

We recently hosted 16 year old local resident Theo Smith for a day's work experience.

Having just completed his exams, Theo wasn't quite sure of what he wanted to do next and his parents approached us about the possibility of him spending a day on site learning about the different elements of our work.

We were happy to help, and Theo spent the day shadowing engineers and foremen on site, as well as some time our quantity surveyors and other operational staff.

The day after Theo had an interview with Leeds College of Building and he's now enrolled on a T Level course in design, surveying and planning.

We wish Theo good luck for the future!



Mock Interviews with local school

The project team with partners Sisk have been busy undertaking a variety of social impact initiatives to engage and support the local community.

Key activities include year 10 mock interviews, where Sisk spent a day at Guiseley school to help the next generation prepare for the world of work. Students were asked questions about what they hoped to do, and what steps they would need to take to get there.

Teachers and pupils provided feedback from the day saying, “Thank you all once again for helping us out today. We have had great feedback from our students, with 91% saying they found the experience really useful.”

A big thanks to pupils and teachers at Guiseley school.



Being good neighbours

The Dawson's Corner scheme site office was set up in the car park of Pudsey Civic Centre – an area surrounded by different groups of residents.

One group who rely heavily on the car park are older people living in sheltered accommodation right next to the site. They got in touch to say the reduced parking and narrow spaces were making it harder for them to get in and out of their vehicles, especially for those with mobility challenges.

Wanting to be good neighbours, the team offered to create dedicated disabled bays for them to use while works take place on site. These were marked out during a night shift and have been warmly welcomed by residents.

One local resident shared, "These new wider bays are brilliant for me because I really struggle twisting round to get out narrow parking spaces. Thank you to everyone at Sisk for putting these in for us."



Summer placement

Twenty-two-year-old Khalil is a second-year quantity surveying student at the University of Huddersfield.

When it came to wanting to gain industry experience, Khalil wanted a placement with a main contractor to gain an insight into how a construction project is run and the different roles that contribute to a project.

After attending the Leeds Apprenticeship Fair in February 2025, he struck up a conversation with Sisk Stakeholder Manager, Kelly Sowden about careers in construction. That chat sparked his interest in exploring the role of a quantity surveyor.

Khalil sent in his CV and was later invited to interview at Sisk.

Khalil said, "I'm really enjoying the role and learning every day. It's so varied and it's great that I can get to go on to site as well as spending time in the office. I'm hoping to continue my career in construction when I complete my final year."



Phases of works and key milestones

A new animation is now available which shows the phases of work. You can view it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGavHkvCANg

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.