

# Project Update

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Rochdale Borough Council, Rochdale Development Agency, and George Cox are working in partnership to deliver an extension to the recently completed South Heywood Link Rd.

The South Heywood Link Road, which connects Pilsworth Road at Heywood Distribution Park to the M62 at Junction 19, was completed in autumn 2022. It is now proposed to extend the link road and create a new off-road cycleway/footway that will run to the junction at Moss Hall Rd/ Pilsworth Rd. This extension aims to provide a safer corridor for pedestrians and cyclists from Junction 19 through to the Harry Hill Cycleway, which leads to Bury Borough Council.



## Progress

November posed challenges with persistent rain, resulting in saturated ground conditions. Despite this, significant headway has been achieved, including the completion of the kerbs and the installation of concrete edging along the rear of the footway. The majority of the footway has received the final stone sub-base, however compaction for the upcoming tarmac (bitmac) layers awaits drier ground conditions.

Additionally, we have successfully finished constructing the new islands in the center of the widened road, completed street light ducts, and started the grading of topsoil behind the footway.



## Planned work

Should the ground become drier, our aim is to lay the initial layer of footway bitmac before the Christmas shutdown. In the meantime, December will see the installation of the new crash barrier, street lighting and planting the new hedge line.

