

# 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

At the end of December, the ground had finally dried enough for us to begin the footway surfacing. We successfully applied the first layer of bitmac before concluding work for the Christmas break, thereby sealing the surface to prevent further rainfall from permeating the stone.

During this time, we initiated the construction of the vehicle crash barrier, planted a new hedge at the back of the footway, and erected lighting columns. These tasks continued upon our return in January and were completed within the first week.

This progress allowed us to commence the final surfacing on both the road and footway. Despite interruptions caused by cold and wet weather, we eventually experienced a dry, warmer window. Taking advantage of this, we successfully completed all the required works according to the schedule. Subsequently, we were able to redirect traffic to the newly finished south side, allowing us to begin reconstruction on the north side.

## Planned work

This phase is simpler and quicker than the south side. Our primary task is to widen the existing footway to meet the required standards. The process begins by removing the top surface of the road, followed by the installation of new drainage to accommodate the updated kerb profile.

