

# A21 Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling Scheme

## Scheme Update Number 02 – January 2015

### General Scheme Update - January

#### Translocation of Woodland

This work has now started but the wet ground conditions are hampering progress slightly. The area currently being moved is located near to Longfield Road, where the donor and receptor sites are on the same side of the A21, so we have no need for any additional transport or crossing points on the A21.

#### Archaeology & Cultural Heritage

We now have a team of archaeologists working on site who check all areas of ground before any excavation begins. This is called a watching brief and they continue to do this until they are content no artefacts or interesting features are likely to be found.

To date a few items of interest have been located and once they have been fully assessed we hope to be able to share what they were.

The removal of the barn & stable from May Day Farm has begun and will be on-going until March/April. Representatives from the Weald and Downland Museum are undertaking the recording and dismantling works.

#### Construction Activities

We have undertaken some limited construction work in the period.

Near the Vauxhall Lane junction we have started to create a haul road, which will, in time become the footprint for the non motorised user route. This route our vehicles will be using to get to work areas, so we limit the need for our traffic to be running on the A21.

Our main compound, the entrance of which will be off the A21 just to the north of Half Moon Lane, is being created. We hope to be moving out of May Day Farm and into our cabins in the near future.

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### Activities Planned for Next Month - February

#### Traffic Management

Night time lane closures – These will continue into February to allow a number of different activities to be carried out which need to be done with an A21 lane closure. Traffic lights will be used during these works.

The installation of the 40mph speed limit along the A21 advised in the previous scheme update is now scheduled to begin in late March. As part of this process a right turn ban will be put in place when entering or leaving Half Moon Lane, Pembury Walks or the garage.

#### Translocation

This work will continue in the month and will be ongoing beyond February and will move from location to location.

Some of this activity will require the use of temporary traffic lights on the A21 which will be used during off-peak daytime periods only.

#### Archaeology & Cultural Heritage

Archaeological watching briefs will continue in new areas where ground is to be disturbed for the first time.

May Day Farm buildings – The stable block has now been fully dismantled and removed from site. Work on the barn will continue in the month.

#### Other Main Construction Activity

In addition to the ongoing activities already mentioned above we will also be digging trial holes to try to accurately locate the various underground utility services. Doing this helps us in the planning of the main works and also helps to minimise the risk of striking a service.