

A358 Junction Improvement works in Taunton

Important works are starting in Taunton around the A358 and A3065 Junction in the Taunton and Staplegrove area. These work facilitate the development of Land at Staplegrove West associated with planning application 38/23/0347.

The developer has helped us to draft this set of Q&As which hopefully explain what's happening, why and how this might affect pedestrians and road-users.

What's happening?

As part of the Bloor Homes residential development north of Staplegrove Road, junction improvement works - which were included in the planning application – will be carried out by the developer from 27th October 2025. The work includes upgrading the existing highway configuration, implementation of the development access and signalisation works.

Key features of the work:

- The installation of a dedicated right-hand turn lane into the development
- Service Diversions and Utility works
- Drainage Improvements
- Removal of Silk Mills Roundabout and implementation of a signalised junction between the A358 and A3065
- Extend existing culvert to accommodate new highway
- Construction of retaining wall to facilitate the right-hand turn lane



Who is undertaking the works?

Bloor Homes have appointed main contractor CJL Construction to undertake the highway improvement in conjunction with specialist contractors.

How long will the works take?

Works will commence on 27th October and are scheduled to last approximately 65 weeks.

How will traffic flow be affected?

The traffic management associated with the scheme will be phased to minimise disruption; most phases of the scheme allow for free movement of traffic in all directions.

The later phases of the scheme (Phases 6 & 7) will require traffic wishing to exit Silk Mills Road turning right into Staplegrove Road to be diverted left and take the third exit on the Cross Keys roundabout. This will allow completion of these phases without the need to use temporary traffic signals.

Why can't normal access to be maintained

Normal access can't be maintained as a safe works area needs to be created to allow the necessary construction work to be undertaken. This unfortunately reduces the amount of carriageway available and required the implementation of realigned traffic routes.

Will Pedestrian access be affected?

Yes, temporary alternative crossing points will be in use, with safe and suitable walkways in place along with any localised diversions routes.

Why can't the works take place during quiet periods?

Due to the duration of the programme, it is not possible to complete these works during a specific window in addition the significant traffic volume using this highway is consistent throughout the year.

Bloor Homes, CJL Construction and Somerset Highways have worked together to develop the scheme which focuses on maintaining traffic flow.

What has been done to minimise disruption?

Collaborative discussions have been held on how best to minimise the works, while keeping the roads open and maintaining access.

Multiple phases of Traffic Management have been planned to ensure each phase of the scheme is restricted to the smallest possible working area, reducing the impact of highway users. This approach extends the duration of the scheme to with the benefit of a reduction in the level of disruption.

Night working has been considered but due to proximity of residential properties it is considered unsociable due to higher noise levels, however there may some evening works for the more disruptive resurfacing works.

Why can't normal traffic flows be restored when work finishes each day?

To restore the road to normal traffic every day is not possible as the works will require excavation in the road and footways.

Have the local and wider community been informed?

Engagement with businesses and Somerset Council has been carried out. This Q & A sheet will hopefully address some of the more commonly asked questions. Social media will also be used.

Emergency Contact

In the case of an emergency contact: CJL Construction - 07900 214 036

General Enquiries

Bloor Homes and CJL Construction are working with Somerset Council to issue updates via established communication channels, however for general enquiries contact Bloor Homes via email: highways.southwest@bloorhomes.com