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**A380 SOUTH DEVON LINK ROAD - (SOUTH DEVON HIGHWAY)
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Construction of the South Devon Link Road continues to progress well, with an emphasis clearly on the laying of the pavement construction throughout the scheme. The dry weather through August has proved invaluable, as the contractor prepares formations to allow construction of the road by sub-contractor Aggregate Industries. The majority of the scheme has now received at least the first layer of pavement, with a section of approximately 1.5km between the Maddacombe cut area and just south of the Yon Street over bridge still awaiting preparation of the formation (See photo 1) The areas that do remain will shortly be tidied and formations prepared to allow road construction in the coming weeks.



**Photo 1: Looking south from the Yon Street over Bridge towards Hamelin Way.
Note pavement construction continuing on the southbound carriageway.**

A notable milestone of late has been the opening of a section of the new Aller Link Road which runs parallel with the new A380 dual carriageway, allowing road users to travel down the existing Aller Brake Road and exit back onto the A380 (See photo 2) At present, traffic re-joins at a temporary junction outside Hansons Quarry, however on completion, the Aller Link Road will re-join the A380 at the location of Romany Jones Café/ Zig Zag Quarry. Works to the Aller Link Road south of Hansons Quarry continue to progress well, with drainage and kerbing activities well underway.



Photo 2: Looking North along the newly opened Aller Link Road.

Another notable event has been the erection of the 2No. Overhead gantry structures along the mainline dual carriageway (See photo 3) These two gantries were installed during the night of the 15th August, requiring a railway possession and full road closure of the A380 in order to execute the lifts. Weather conditions on the night were almost perfect and the gantries were installed and the road re-opened in the early hours of Sunday morning.



Photo 3: Gantry 21A installation across the mainline dual carriageway.

Elsewhere on the scheme, the contractor is pushing works at the Hamelin Way and Kerswell Gardens junctions, to allow the switch of traffic onto a new section of carriageway and open up new works areas. The construction of these junctions are subject to a number of complex and carefully planned phases, in order to ensure traffic movements are maintained at all times. Once switched, road users will travel over the new structures of Edginswell Lane over bridge, the 3 span Kerswell Railway Bridge over the branch line railway and a cattle creep extension towards the top of Hamelin Way.

Traffic signals and cables are currently being installed at the Hamelin Way junction and will be linked into traffic signals at Kerswell Gardens junction, on completion of the works in this area.

In the coming weeks, the contractor plans to open the Penn Inn Flyover for the first time. Aggregate Industries are currently in the process of laying the pavement construction to the North and South of the structure and will shortly commence the pavement construction over the Penn Inn Flyover.

Galliford Try are confident of completing the scheme by the December 2015 deadline, but are also hopeful that some sections of the road may be open by late Autumn.

Adam Baldwin

BSI 9001 AUDIT REPORT - AUGUST 2015

As most in EDG know Andy Cleere of BSI carried out a Continuing Assessment of EDG's Business Management System on the 18th & 19th August and I am pleased to say we came out with flying colours again. We didn't have any non-conformities and praise was given for the way the *'management system continues to integrate into day to day activity and has transformed from a bolt on QA system to a real added value / user friendly business management system.'*

Andy audited the Barnstaple team for the first time since they were included in the accreditation and he was very impressed with the way Simon and his team *'perceive the BMS and its tools as a support mechanism to help deliver projects effectively and consistently.'*

A site visit of the SDLR was also included in the audit and of course Andy was mightily impressed by the scale of the scheme and the way the DCC site team *'demonstrated clear competency in contract administration'*

If you want to see the full report it is on sharepoint and can be found here : [BSI Audit Report - August 2015](#)

So, my thanks to each and every one of you for your help in maintaining EDG's good reputation for excellence in the delivery of capital schemes and revenue works; in these tough times in Local Government it is important we continue to develop improved ways of working and not stand still - this audit by an external body is proof that we are indeed a very competent business.

Kevin Dentith

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NO ITEMS

Highways and Traffic Management:

<http://staff.devon.gov.uk/highways-trafficmanagement/eechighwaymanagement/highwaymgmtbulletins.htm>

Planning and Transportation:

<http://staff.devon.gov.uk/eec/planeconomytransportation/ptbulletins.htm>

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Hyperlink to the monthly Management Team Decisions and Action Logs.

<http://staff.devon.gov.uk/eec/eecwasteengineeringandtransport/eecweatsmanagementinfo.htm>