Welcome to the first 2018 project update

Site Mobilisation and Enabling Works

Balfour Beatty site offices and compound.
The first stage of works consisted of the delivery and mobilisation of site offices within the site compound located in Euston Way. We have limited staff parking and storage areas to reduce the impact to Telford Central Station and car park users. Site staff are encouraged to use public transport or use long stay car parking. We have a policy restricting staff from using the station car park to avoid inconvenience to permit holders. The Euston Way office accommodates site operatives. The project has an alternative office located in Suite 2, Bishton Court, which houses the project team. This is the headquarters suitable for visitors and enquiries.

In advance of the busy Christmas shopping season, we successfully installed a temporary ramp by carrying out 12 hour shifts, 7 days a week over a 3 week period. Upon completion we switched pedestrian movement to the temporary ramp, and dismantled and removed the adjacent ramp connected to the existing bridge. The temporary ramp maintains access to Telford Centre from Oakengates and platform 2. A timelapse video is available on the Telford & Wrekin Council website to view construction of the ramp during very challenging weather.

Piling works
Works during January included site clearance, the construction of haul roads and concrete piling platforms. Test piling began 25 January with piling works anticipated to commence 15 February to construct the bridge foundations. This activity is estimated to last for approximately 6 weeks.

Suggestion box
A suggestion box and Balfour Beatty observation cards are available, to invite feedback from you. We would be pleased to hear if we are maintaining clear access routes, minimising construction traffic movement during peak times, or any compliments or concerns you may have. The suggestion box is located near to the temporary ramp. Contact details are also provided on the reverse side of this page.
Behind the scenes
The Considerate Constructors Schemes Ivor Goodsite, paid a visit to the Telford Footbridge project team during December. Ivor heard that the team had introduced the “Socks & Chocs” initiative to provide homeless people with a few basic comforts at Christmas. Staff generously raised and donated 137 thermal socks and 37 bars of chocolate to Maninplace. The registered charity provide emergency, temporary, supported and long term accommodation for people who present as rough sleeping or homeless in the borough of Telford & Wrekin. Pictured below, Ivor shows off the Christmas collection, and on behalf of the team Barry hands over the collection to Julie and Mike. For further information about both charities please visit: www.socksandchocs.co.uk www.maninplace.org.uk

Bridge Fabrication
The production of the steel bridges is progressing well. The bridges are being constructed in controlled factory conditions off site and be will delivered to site fully formed ready for lifting into position later this year.