

Highway Maintenance in Your Area

Progress Update on Highway Drainage Improvement Works Selling Road, Selling



Work commenced on 2nd January 2024 on the drainage improvements at Selling Road, between Monica Close and Fox Lane. The objective of the works is to prevent excess run off from running around the corner into Fox Lane or into the village where it can exacerbate flooding, particularly in the area under the railway bridge.

Before Christmas, the existing drainage at the junction with Fox Lane was repaired and a new kerb line installed. This enabled the carriageway edges to be repaired where there was scour damage from surface water flows. The work being undertaken at present supplements the existing drainage to help it cope during prolonged or heavy rainfall.

On starting the works, it was necessary for one recently planted tree to be temporary moved. It was carefully excavated and set aside to be replanted. We will ensure it is replanted on the verge following our arboriculturists recommendations once the works have been completed.

Over the last two weeks, the two new soakaways and the silt traps for the new drainage have been installed by our contractors, and they have commenced backfilling around them. This will allow the large excavator to be exchanged for a smaller machine now that the deepest excavations have been completed. The temporary excavation support boxes can also then be off-hired and taken away.



Excavation for Soakaway



New manholes delivered



Silt trap under construction

Our contractor will continue with backfilling operations in the verges and completing the installation of the connecting pipes. They aim to have most of the work within the verge complete by end of next week (19th January) and will have moved on to installing the new drains within the carriageway.

Our project manager has been in regular attendance and visited on Friday 12th January together with members of the Parish Council for any residents' queries to be discussed with KCC.

Currently all works are progressing well and with more settled weather conditions expected we do not anticipate any significant issues arising.