

Work to Repair the A17 Sleaford Bypass Embankment

Preventative maintenance works to carry out the scheme, which will protect the bank from further slippage and deterioration over coming years, are due to start on the carriageway on Monday 27 November 2017, with compound establishment off-highway starting a week earlier.

British construction firm, Eurovia Contracting North, will be carrying out the repairs.

The works, which include large scale drainage improvements and measures introduced to stabilise the remainder of the bank, are programmed to be complete by the end of April 2018.

Traffic management planned for the scheme is as follows:

- Lane closures on both directions of the A17 Sleaford Bypass from Monday 27 November to Monday 4 December.
- From Monday 4 December, the westbound lanes along this section of A17 will be closed for six weeks, subject to reasonable weather. During this time, westbound traffic will be diverted to a lane on the eastbound carriageway.
- Following the westbound repair works, the eastbound section of carriageway will be closed for six weeks, with eastbound traffic moved to a lane on the westbound carriageway.
- Following the eastbound closure, single lane closures on both directions of the A17 will be put back in place for the remainder of the works.

Over the years, other parts of the embankment have been repaired but there is still some concern that there are some areas showing signs of distress. As a result, these works are necessary for maintaining the safety of those using the bypass.

When complete next spring, these repairs and improvements will improve safety for road users; stabilise the embankment to prevent further deterioration and reduce future repair costs and ensure that rainwater is properly channelled away from the bank to where it should be discharged.

Due to the nature of the repairs, there will inevitably be delays and longer journey times. As a result, people are encouraged to use an alternative route once works have started.

The A17 Sleaford Bypass embankment repair project will cost £2.4m and is being funded using part of the £5.4m allocated to the authority by the Department of Transport (DfT) from its National Productivity Investment Fund.

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