

# news

Jones Bros and Cambridgeshire County Council: working in partnership to deliver The King's Dyke level crossing scheme

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## Do you have a query? Get in touch...

ANYONE with a query relating to the transport scheme can get in touch with our team via email or by phone. Tracey Cain is the public liaison officer and she is the principal site contact for the community. Please contact Tracey by email [tracey.cain@jones-bros.com](mailto:tracey.cain@jones-bros.com) or phone 07435 548 707. The site team is also working closely with community groups and the town council to help keep local people updated on the scheme's progress. Copies of this newsletter will be circulated to homes near the construction site and will be made available to pick up for free at the local post office, council offices, and other public buildings such as libraries. It will also be available electronically on request.



# Joining the team as liaison officer



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Tracey Cain

A PUBLIC liaison officer (PLO) has been appointed by Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK for the King's Dyke level crossing scheme. Tracey Cain, who lives just 30 miles from the project, is swapping 3.30am commutes to London to continue her extensive career in construction closer to home. Tracey has 18 years' experience in the industry, including in civil engineering where she worked on the Stratford upgrades as part of the London 2012 Olympics. As PLO on King's Dyke, she will be a key point of contact for all stakeholders, including local residents and politicians. Tracey said: "I'm really looking forward to interacting with all relevant personnel on-site as well as the community. Meeting new people is one of the reasons why I have been in the sector for so long. "My previous roles have included site admin on complex projects but my favourite position was office manager as it was very hands on. "I was responsible for taking care of the facilities, ensuring the workforce had everything they needed and meeting stakeholders across the region. "I'm excited to work closely with the community as this vital transport scheme progresses."

THE £32m King's Dyke level crossing scheme is being delivered by Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council.

At present, the King's Dyke at-grade level crossing is located on the A605 between Whittlesey and Peterborough and crosses the railway line between Ely and Peterborough.

It has long been a local issue owing to downtime of the barriers which causes significant delays to traffic travelling between Whittlesey and Peterborough.

Work will include constructing a new road and bridge over the Ely to Peterborough railway line. The level crossing will subsequently be removed as part of the programme. As with all the family firm's projects, it will be aiming to boost the local economy during construction, with opportunities for local suppliers as well as recruitment of apprentices and experienced operators.

Established in the 1950s, Jones Bros' leadership team consists of members of the second and third generations of the founding family. It employs close to 500 people.

The company is currently working on contracts in various sectors including highways, flood and marine defence, waste management and renewable energy around the UK.

The company runs an award-winning apprenticeship scheme, which has produced more than 40 per cent of its current workforce, with many of its senior managers having started out as apprentices or in a trainee role.

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# Placement leads to permanent job

A CIVIL engineering student on industrial placement at the King's Dyke level crossing scheme has made such an impression on Jones Bros that it has offered her a permanent job for after she graduates. Lydia Williams, 21, said "it's such a big relief" in the currently very competitive jobs climate, to start her final year concentrating on revising for her finals instead of job-hunting. Lydia, who is entering the fourth and final year of a civil engineering degree at Leeds Beckett University, is a trainee site engineer. And, because her lectures are timetabled between Wednesday and Friday, she can continue to work part-time through her final year, spending Monday and Tuesday on site. Lydia, who chose civil engineering because she "really loved" maths and physics, said: "Jones Bros is really keen to teach you everything they know."

"The company gives you responsibility very early on and they don't hold back and I felt like I was thrown in the deep end quicker, which is great because you learn more." Jones Bros is also now sponsoring her final year at university. Contracts director Geraint Thomas said: "Lydia has done really well, considering we give trainees responsibility from the start. It was an easy decision to offer her a permanent role with a clear career path."



Lydia Williams: A career with Jones Bros after she graduates.

## Recruiting now for full-time key roles at King's Dyke

JONES BROS Civil Engineering UK is recruiting for permanent key roles as work progresses on site at the King's Dyke project. We are seeking applications from local people for site agents, sub agents and senior project engineers. Jones Bros contracts director Geraint Thomas said: "Successful candidates will receive industry-leading training with clear

career progression opportunities. "Working for Jones Bros can be extremely rewarding if you are capable and show the right attitude and enthusiasm. "In addition, it's a fantastic opportunity to work on a significant scheme that is going to benefit the region for years to come. "The company strives to engage with the local community as much as possible,

creating career opportunities for school leavers through apprenticeships and a range of job vacancies for experienced personnel." To view the roles and apply, visit the Jones Bros careers page on: [www.jones-bros.com](http://www.jones-bros.com). To stay up to date with the latest vacancies, like the Facebook page, Jones Bros Careers, at [www.facebook.com/jonesbrosuk](http://www.facebook.com/jonesbrosuk).

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Health and safety



HEALTH and safety is one of the upmost priorities for Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK. To protect its staff and local residents, we have put measures in place such as risk assessments and social distancing as well as doubled the size of suitable hygiene and welfare facilities on site. Staggered breaks will also be introduced as the number of people on site increases. Additional full-time cleaners are employed at both compounds, which is also subject to a one-way system.

### Community update

SINCE the King's Dyke level crossing scheme began in July, Jones Bros has enjoyed working with local suppliers and recruiting skills from the region to boost the economy. The civil engineering contractor will be adding to its supply chain as the project progresses as well as advertising more vacancies to join the team. We will also launch an interactive web page in October to allow local residents to keep up to date with the development. Website visitors will be able to view behind-the-scenes as well as meet some of the people working on the site. In addition, Jones Bros will be installing a visitor cabin to allow members of the community to visit the scheme. More details will follow in the coming weeks including how to book an appointment.



### Considerate Constructors

THE King's Dyke level crossing project is registered with the Considerate Constructors' Scheme, a national initiative recognising construction sites that respect the public, protect the environment, and keep workers safe. The first visit by the Considerate Constructors' advisor was completed in September, with positive feedback received throughout, as well as valuable advice given for ways to improve further going forward.

### Facebook group

STAY up to date with the latest information by liking the King's Dyke level crossing scheme's Facebook page. It is updated regularly by Cambridgeshire County Council with news and information from site including progress, recent work, upcoming activity and important traffic management announcements. You can also view the latest opportunities for recruitment and supply chain partners via the page. To find out more, visit: [www.facebook.com/KDcrossing/](http://www.facebook.com/KDcrossing/)

**SAFETY MESSAGE:**  
Construction sites are not a playground.  
Please do not trespass on the King's Dyke level crossing site.

## Keeping the traffic flowing...

SKANSKA, a construction and development company, is collaborating with Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK to co-ordinate traffic management requirements to minimise disruption to the community. It is currently carrying out highway improvement works at the Horsey Toll bridge. A dedicated turning lane is to be installed onto Milk and Water Drove (B1095) from the A605. To reduce the number of road closures on Milk and Water Drove, a southbound temporary road will be constructed, completed within approximately three weeks, during a week-day road closure. Any questions or queries on the Horsey Toll project please contact them at: [peterborough.schemes@skanska.co.uk](mailto:peterborough.schemes@skanska.co.uk).

### SITE UPDATE:

## New road is emerging out of the landscape

THE first sign of the new road is visible with the roundabout starting to take shape. In addition to forging ahead with the earthworks, the main compounds is now up and running, providing office space and welfare facilities for the workforce. Each compound has been carefully designed in terms of size and numbers to maintain social distancing. Rhydian Hafal, construction manager, said: "We are on schedule to complete earthworks in section one, which runs from the western roundabout to the underpass structure adjacent to Star Pit quarry, in November." "We are aiming to commence the underpass, which will provide private access under the new road to the quarry, in

November. We expect this element of the project to last five months. "We are working hard with our designers and Cambridgeshire County Council to be able to start the earthworks in section three, which spans to the east of the railway track up to the existing A605, earlier than planned. We are aiming to begin in October with the aim of completing these earthworks by spring 2021." Jones Bros has also installed track monitoring points along the railway which will help ensure the track is not affected by future works related to the construction of the bridge. These points will be monitored on a daily basis throughout the construction of the bridge.

### SUPPLY CHAIN PARTNER: PJ Thory

## Delivering the vital project components

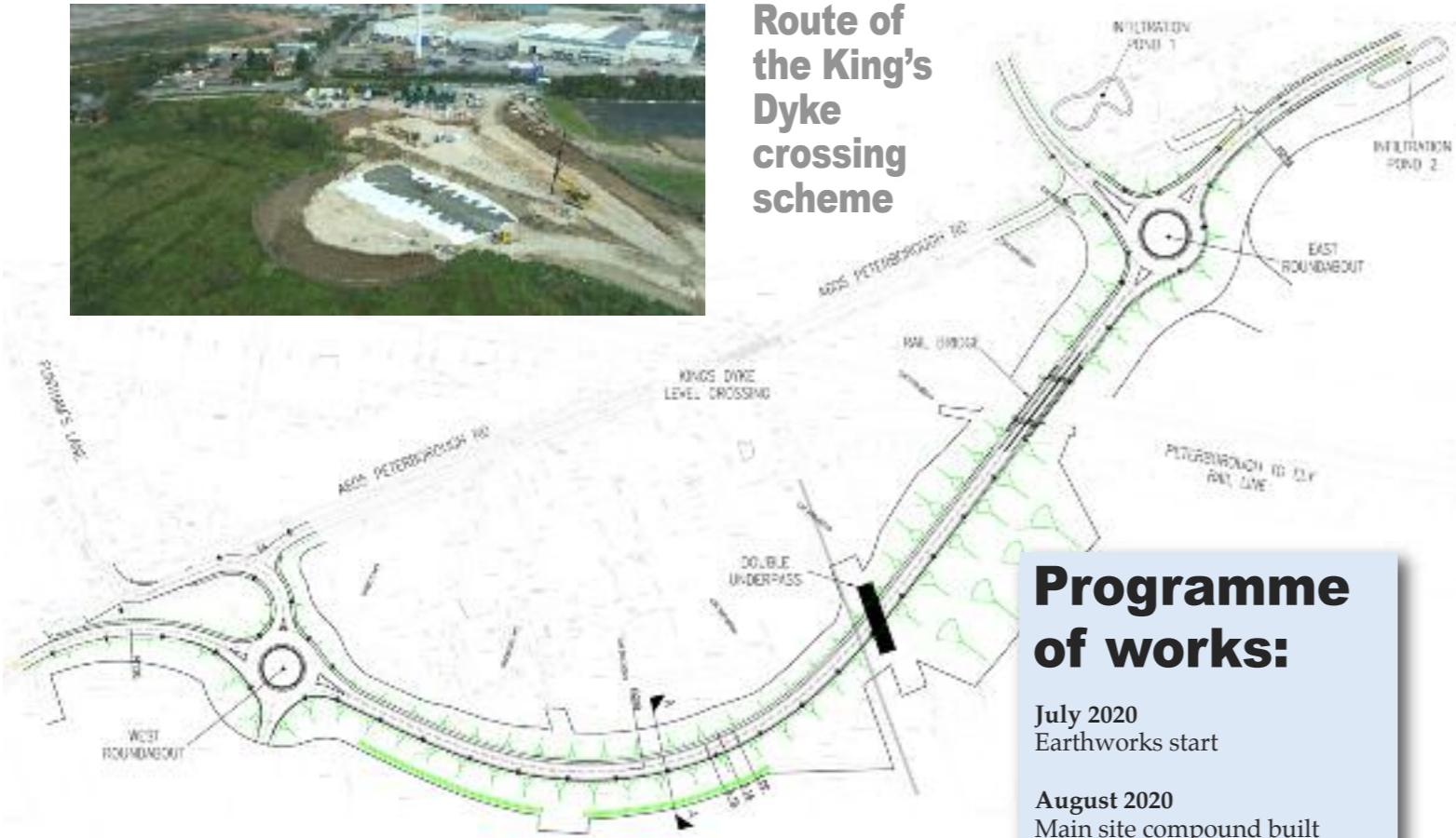
A PETERBOROUGH-based haulage company is delivering key materials to the King's Dyke level crossing scheme. PJ Thory, which was founded in 1965, has been delivering locally sourced aggregate including ready mixed concrete from Gemmix, its sister company. The materials have been used on the temporary compounds where the appointed contractor, Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK, has its site offices as well as on-site haul roads for construction traffic. Martin Ash, sales manager at PJ Thory, said: "It's really important for us to be involved in this project as we work in the area that will benefit most from the new route. "We're familiar with these types of schemes, having grown ourselves to be one of the region's largest suppliers to the construction, agricultural and commercial industries. "We introduced ourselves to Jones Bros at pre-start meetings and expressed how keen we were to work with the company and on this project. "Consequently we have been one of the first supply chain partners on site since May. "So far, our drivers have provided stone for the compound and car park and supplied drainage materials, and this will continue throughout the duration of the scheme."



Martin Ash, sales manager at PJ Thory.



## Route of the King's Dyke crossing scheme



### Programme of works:

**July 2020**  
Earthworks start

**August 2020**  
Main site compound built

**October/November 2020**  
Foundations for two key structures (underpass and the bridge) commence

**February 2021**  
Underpass scheduled for completion

**July 2021**  
Railway bridge scheduled for completion

**March 2021 to December 2022**  
Phase 2 and 3 earthworks as well as highway construction works

Further details will be published in future newsletters and at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/kings-dyke](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/kings-dyke)



## Traffic management

AS the majority of construction takes place away from the public highway, there is limited traffic management throughout the delivery of the King's Dyke scheme.

There are no plans for traffic management in October, November and December.

Please note, all plans are subject to change. For up-to-date information, please visit <https://bit.ly/ccctravel> or search for Cambridgeshire roadwork and traffic information. In addition, follow these accounts on social media:

Twitter: @Cambs\_Traffic

Facebook page: @KDCrossing / King's Dyke crossing scheme