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## Highways Service

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Dear Resident

### **A34 Alderley Edge & Nether Alderley Bypass**

I am writing to inform you that the County Council received approval of funding for the A34 Alderley Edge & Nether Alderley bypass by the Department for Transport on 29 July.

Once the road is open it is anticipated that there will be a reduction in traffic through Alderley Edge and Nether Alderley and an improvement in the quality of life in the villages.

The Council has appointed Birse Civils as the Contractor for the main civil engineering works and Network Rail will facilitate a separate contract to build the new underpass where the road passes under the railway to the north of Welsh Row.

### **Programme of work**

Work to protect the local environment during the project will commence shortly as will the erection of boundary fencing. The main civil engineering works are due to start in January 2009 with completion in Spring 2011. The underpass work is planned during closures of the railway over Christmas 2008 and 2009.

Brook Lane and Chelford Road will generally remain open during the work. However certain operations during the construction of the new bridges may mean some closures are required, details of which will be advertised at the time. Welsh Row however will need to be closed in early 2009 until the new road bridge over the bypass is open. Public Footpaths that cross the line of the road will need to be closed for the duration of the works.

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## Keeping you informed

Throughout the scheme we will be keeping you informed about the progress of work in several ways:

- If work will directly affect you we will contact you before the work starts to outline the issues.
- Details of diversion routes will be distributed prior to any road or public footpath closures.
- Cheshire County Council and Birse Civils will have staff on site who will be able to answer your enquiries.
- A regular newsletter will be circulated locally.
- A website will be available to keep you updated on the scheme [www.cheshire.gov.uk/roads/aebp](http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/roads/aebp).

During the building of the new bypass we will aim to keep disruption to a minimum. We hope the benefits the new bypass will bring will offset any inconvenience suffered during the construction period. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully



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