Cambridgeshire County Council has contracted VolkerFitzpatrick to undertake the A142 Ely Southern Bypass Scheme that will reduce congestion, caused by the existing railway level crossing.

With this newsletter we aim to show how the project is progressing and what work has been carried out since the bypass opened at the end of October last year.

WHAT IS HAPPENING

The new bypass opened to traffic at the end of October last year and since then we have been continuing to work on the new walkway, which is supported by the viaduct.

The walkway officially opened to the public on 23 January, in time to beat the January blues.

The separate walkway linking Fen Rivers Way and Ouse Valley Way footpaths will provide a new walking route with impressive views of Ely and the Cathedral from the Fens.

The project’s architects designed the walkway with high quality specification. The materials have come from far and wide and include:

- 252 tonnes of structural steelwork
- Over 25 tonnes of sustainable Ekki timber
- 380 metres of stainless steel handrail
- Over 800 square metres of deck waterproofing
- 140 stainless steel mesh panels
The stone which was used as a temporary crane platform in the floodplain has now been removed and taken away to be re-used.

There has been a slight delay with this work due to issues with unexpected utility pipes under the road, drainage complications and the manufacture of the over-height vehicle detection signs, which must be installed before the underpass can be safely opened.

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