

A435 Evesham Road Land Stabilisation Works

We are pleased to report that the works are progressing well, with significant progress being made over the past 2 weeks.

The sheet piling for this project involves the installation of two sheet pile walls to the top and bottom of the embankment to ensure long-term stability. Before starting the installation, trial holes were excavated to locate BT and electric cables, ensuring there were no conflicts with the planned piling works.

The sheet piling works to the bottom of the embankment commenced on 25th November, which involved the preparation of the ground by excavating trenches and pre-auguring. Six-metre long sheet piles were then driven into the ground using a piling rig until they reached their intended depth of five metres. The piling rig being used is a highly advanced and unique, long-reach telescopic leader rig, and is bigger than any comparable rig in the UK. This equipment minimises disruption to the surrounding environment and work area while enabling faster and safer installation. So far, 170 metres of sheet piles have been installed at the bottom of the embankment, and this stage is expected to be completed in the next few days. The final metre of each pile will then be removed via burning off to complete the process.

Once the bottom of the embankment is complete, the focus will shift to the installation of sheet piles to the top of the embankment which will involve a similar process. Additional activities to be completed over the next couple of weeks will involve operatives surveying the existing drainage to connect to when the piling is complete and core samples to be taken from the carriageway to test for the presence of contaminants prior to surfacing works commencing.

Temporary two-way traffic signals will remain in operation. For The Christmas Meeting on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th December at Cheltenham Racecourse, our traffic management will be replaced by Cheltenham Racecourse's traffic management to ensure smooth traffic flow for visitors attending the meeting.

