

A421 Great Barford Bypass

Client :
Highways Agency

Designer :
Capita Symonds

Location :
Bedfordshire

Date :
2004 - 2006



*Considerate
Constructors Scheme
Bronze award winner*



Our Public Liaison Officer explains the scheme to local schoolchildren

The scheme

This project involved the construction of 7.7km of dual carriageway across a green field site to the north of Great Barford, connecting the Bedford Southern Bypass with the A1 at the Black Cat roundabout. It also included the construction of three underbridges and five overbridges and the removal of 750,000m³ of material within the site.

Developing the design

Following a Public Enquiry, this Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) contract was awarded to BAM Nuttall as part of a package, which included the A428 Caxton Common to Hardwick Improvement.

BAM Nuttall, with our designer Capita Symonds, provided significant input into the development of the design and instigated a number of value engineering initiatives resulting in both programme and cost savings.

Community liaison

A dedicated Public Liaison Officer worked with the local community, keeping them informed and involved by:

- progress presentations to the three Parish Councils
- project newsletters and letter drops
- site visits for local schools, girl guides and local councillors
- school safety assemblies and a sponsored poster competition and school balloon race
- a Fun Run along the new bypass as part of the opening ceremony

Environmental considerations were key and included:

- protection of Great Crested Newts
- archaeological investigations
- protection of badger setts and construction of mammal underpasses beneath the bypass
- use of a recycled material, FSBM, for the pavement

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