



Dinah's Hollow Project Stakeholder Update – April 2026

Works Update

Soil nailing is about to start. This follows reprofiling of the slope and final hand scaling to remove ridges. Specialist engineers also attended site to finalise arrangements.

The soil nailing will start slowly with trial nails and testing before getting fully underway.

Our main phase of vegetation and tree clearance has been completed. All our ecological work is being carried out under the agreed licence conditions and under strict supervision by the professionally accredited licenced ecologists who are accountable to Natural England.

Work coming up in May includes:

- reprofiling slope continues
- bank stabilisation – soil nailing
- drainage works

Traffic impacts – data analysis

We've collected traffic data and have now been able to compare the same weeks in March 2025 and March 2026 to see the difference in traffic flow.

Figures are combined flow (northbound and southbound) seven-day averages.

% split of total traffic between A350 & C13

Year	A350	C13
	South of Shaftesbury	North of C13/B3081
2025	28%	72%
2026	49% (+2,413 vehicles)	51% (-2,951 vehicles)
	South of Iwerne Minster	South section north of Bushes Road
2025	23%	77%
2026	35% (+913 vehicles)	65% (-1,313 vehicles)

% split of HGV between A350 and C13 (distribution between routes, not percentage of total flow)

Year	A350	C13
	South of Shaftesbury	North of C13/B3081
2025	38%	62%
2026	59% (+121 HGVs)	41% (-152 HGVs)
	South of Iwerne Minster	South section north of Bushes Road

2025	45%	55%
2026	59% (+58 HGVs)	41% (-70 HGVs)
As anticipated, these figures show increased traffic and HGV movements on the A350 while the C13 is closed, however, traffic does continue to use the open sections of the C13 route and it appears that not all diverted traffic has dispersed onto the A350.		

We will be continuing to monitor the temporary traffic management measures in place.