



Plasdŵr E-bulletin Issue 24 February 2020



Welcome to the latest Plasdŵr e-bulletin, bringing you the latest development news from Cardiff's garden city.

As February draws to a close, we're looking ahead to some exciting developments due to take place at Plasdŵr in the spring and summer.

Over the coming months, Bellway and Lewis Homes will break ground on their developments to the north and south of Llantrisant Road. Five developments are currently underway at various stages across the site and over 150 families now call Plasdŵr home.

We're looking forward to welcoming new developers on board later in the year, with further developments also planned for 2020.

Over the past few weeks we've revealed more detail on the vision for Llantrisant Road, including a map showing how the road will look when it's finished including new bus and cycle lanes. While making this vision a reality comes with inevitable disruption, we believe in its success and hope this map will be useful for anyone who is interested in the plans for Llantrisant Road where it borders Plasdŵr.

Our most recent drop-in sessions provided an opportunity for residents to ask Plasdŵr

in sessions, along with their answers.



Wayne Rees, Plasdŵr Project Director



Highways update - Heol Isaf junction

From 2 March our contractors, Alun Griffiths, will start removing the current Heol Isaf roundabout and replacing it with a new, four-way signalised junction as part of the infrastructure improvements for Plasdŵr.

While this work is taking place, the two original lanes on Llantrisant Road will be closed and traffic will use the newly constructed lanes on the northern side of the carriageway, where a temporary mini roundabout will be created allowing traffic to travel as normal along Llantrisant Road.

Traffic travelling from Heol Isaf will be able to use the temporary roundabout to turn right onto Llantrisant Road, heading towards Llantrisant. To head left towards Cardiff, traffic from Heol Isaf will use the newly constructed slip road to bypass the roundabout altogether. There will be no left turn at the roundabout for traffic coming from Heol Isaf.



Highways update - resurfacing Llantrisant Road and Heol Isaf

Throughout March, our contractors Alun Griffiths will be carrying out resurfacing works along Llantrisant Road and Heol Isaf.

These works require the road to be narrowed significantly to ensure a safe working space for contractors so, in order to minimise disruption, we'll be carrying out the work overnight from 18:00-05:00 on Sundays and 19:30-05:00 Monday-Thursday when the roads are quieter.

From 1 March Alun Griffiths will be working along Llantrisant Road, between the filling station and the Danescourt roundabout, for approximately two weeks. Work on Heol Isaf, between the thatched cottage and the roundabout, is expected to start on 15 March and take approximately one week.

The remaining work along Llantrisant Road, towards the Clos Parc Radur

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place until the new junction is complete in summer 2020. Temporary traffic lights may be required between the hours of 09:30-15:30 to ensure the safety of road users and our contractors, updates will be posted on our Twitter feed @plasdwr.

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Residents most likely to be impacted by any light and noise disruption associated with these works have already been notified and will be kept updated on any changes or delays.

Updates will also be posted on our website and Twitter @plasdwr. These timescales are correct at the time of writing



Llantrisant Road FAQs

For anyone who couldn't make our February drop-in sessions, we've shared some of the most frequently asked questions, and our answers.

Traffic is already a problem in the area, why aren't you adding more lanes for cars to use instead of bus and cycle lanes?

Plasdŵr has been designed in line with Cardiff Council's wider transport strategy for the city, which can be found [here](#). As part of this strategy, Cardiff Council is encouraging people to use their cars less often and opt for more sustainable modes of transport instead. Eventually, the aim is for half of all journeys in Cardiff to be made sustainably, with only half made by car. From the very beginning, the masterplan for Plasdŵr has been underpinned by this transport strategy and a commitment to active travel.

What's happening off the highway next to the Heol Isaf roundabout – is that a pond?

As part of the drainage strategy for Plasdŵr, we're installing a number of basins to capture the water run-off from



Development update - hedgerows on Clos Parc Radur

This week we started to cut back some hedgerows along Clos Parc Radur, from the roundabout on Llantrisant Road along the western side of the carriageway, to the bridleway entrance just before the entrance to Plas Y Mynach.

This is to allow us to start creating two new junctions along Clos Parc Radur, which will lead into the new Plasdŵr development.

The hedgerows have been reduced to around one metre high and thinned for now, ahead of removal later in the year, to avoid birds nesting in them before we start work.

These, and all hedgerows and trees removed as part of the development of Plasdŵr, will be replaced on a one-for-one basis across the site. Any necessary tree and hedgerow removal is undertaken under the supervision of ecologists.

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water and channel it into underground drainage pipes where it will be directed into the public sewers. While they've been designed to be visually appealing, they'll only be completely full of water have the appearance of ponds after heavy rainfall. These basins will become important habitats for wildlife and will be sown with wetland, wildflower and grassland seed mixes as well as plants. They won't be created out of concrete. Some of the basins have been designed with artificial linings to give them permanent shallow water and are only likely to be empty in times of drought.

How will traffic be managed once the Clos Parc Radur and Heol Isaf roundabouts become signalised junctions?

The sequencing of traffic lights at these junctions will be managed by Cardiff Council, in line with their transport strategy for the city.

With all the development happening in the area, air quality is a big concern. What are you doing to tackle this?

We know that air quality is a key concern for Cardiff residents. The masterplan for Plasdŵr shares Cardiff Council's vision to reduce congestion and single-use car journeys by making it easy for people to choose more sustainable, greener ways of getting around. As part of our Section 106 contributions, we're also also paying over £30,000 towards air quality monitoring in the local area.

The [full blog](#) is available to read on our website.



Community update

This month our community liaison manager, Katie Powis, met with the Radyr Road Safety Group to discuss local road safety. HGVs using Heol Isaf illegally continues to be a key concern for the community, and Katie is in regular contact with site managers, construction managers and local groups to ensure we're doing all we can to prevent Plasdŵr traffic from using this route.

Katie also attended the Radyr PACT meeting to provide an update on the current and future works taking place along Llantrisant Road and discuss other community concerns relating to Plasdŵr, including hedgerow removal and temporary traffic lights.

If you have a question for Katie, or would like to arrange a meeting, please email katie.powis@plasdwr.co.uk.



Community drop-in sessions

Thank you to everyone who came to our drop-in sessions in Radyr and St Fagans to find out more about the vision for Llantrisant Road.

Our next drop-in sessions will take place in the spring, dates and locations will be posted on our website and Twitter feed @plasdwr once confirmed.



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