The project is now in the detailed design phase which involves working out how the new road will be built and includes surveying, ground testing and deciding on the best building methods for each structure (bridges, embankments, retaining walls). Landscaping, lighting, infrastructure (such as water pipes and power cables) and alternative accesses to affected properties will also be planned in this phase, which will be completed by mid-2015. Private land purchase will also continue through 2014 and 2015.

The project construction will be tendered in 2015/16. Construction, subject to funding being available, is likely to begin in the summer of 2015/16 and is expected to take 3 to 3 ½ years.
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