Civil Engineering Division is pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Manston Lane Link Road contract for new client Thorpe Park Development Limited. The Manston Lane Link Road is a key part of Leeds City Council’s overall east Leeds and Thorpe Park vision, which will eventually bring a £100m orbital road, create thousands of new jobs and unlock land for up to 7,000 homes. We have been contracted to build this critical piece of infrastructure linking the 3 main areas of the development site.

Our scope involves the design and construction of the new 950m road linking M1 J46 junction to Manston Lane to the north of the development site. The dual 7.30m carriageway incorporates a new 70m roundabout, a 3 arm signalised junction into the proposed residential site and a major Non-Motorised User bridge. This major bridge structure is a double span box culvert bridge spanning 33m in total across the dual carriageway and has a 15m wide deck. The road also crosses a rail bridge at the north end of the site to allow access to Manston Lane; the bridge structure is being completed by another contractor.

Archaeology is a key consideration on the project as the site is located adjacent to a Scheduled Monument. It is the site of a former WW1 munitions factory. An archaeologist will be consulted throughout the works and all measures will be taken to protect the site.

Work commenced in early September with a programme of 52 weeks.