Leashaw landslip update

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Work programme update
Here's the latest news from the site about works completed to date and the focus for the next few weeks.
Works on the Leashaw Landslip are progressing well, and we remain on schedule with key milestones being reached as planned with no significant delays.



Micropiling works are complete
We've reached a significant milestone on the project with the completion of the micropiling works.
All 135 micropiles have been successfully installed, including 60 vertical and 75 raking micropiles.
Micropiles are long, narrow columns made of cement mortar reinforced with steel tubes. They are designed to support of the earth bank and improve the stability of the slope, to help prevent it from sliding.
Piling cap works continue
The pile cap is a reinforced concrete structure that links together the tops of the micropiles in the bank. This allows the piles to work as a single support system, helping to strengthen and stabilise the slope.
The photographs show the installation process.
To start, the soil was removed to expose the tops of the micropiles.




The blinding process involved laying a thin layer of concrete to create a clean, level working surface.




Wooden formwork was built ready for the construction of the pile cap. Steel bars were installed before the placement and pouring of the concrete. The steel gives additional strength for the cap once the concrete is poured.




Bank excavation and filling with fresh material

Excavation of the bank has continued and a material called Terram has been laid over the slope.

Terram looks like fabric and is specially designed for construction projects.

It allows water to pass through it, without the soil and stone mixing together. It allows the water to drain away, ensuring the repairs to the bank remain strong for many years to come.

Clean crushed stone was then backfilled to the excavated areas.

The stone allows water to drain away quickly and does not hold moisture. It is also strong and stable when compacted, making it suitable for rebuilding sections of the slope, creating a long lasting repair.

One of the main reasons slopes like the one at Leashaw can become unstable is because too much water gets trapped in the ground.

Water can make the soil heavier and reduce its strength, increasing the risk of movement over time.

By using parts of the existing slope and replacing the material with stone, we are improving the way water moves through the bank to reduce the chance of water building up inside.

These improvements will help to increase the overall stability of the slope and form an important part of the landslip repair works. Together with the other elements being installed, the improvements will help to reduce the risk of future landslips.





New compound location
Due to changes in land ownership, the site compound has now been moved. All works are now contained within the main site boundary with welfare cabins situated on the Crich side of the works.

Site contact
If residents have any concerns about the works on site, please email our team at highway.structures@derbyshire.gov.uk
Alternatively, please contact our Call Derbyshire team on 01629 533190. Call Derbyshire is open from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and from 9.30am to 4pm Saturdays.
Out of hours, please call 101.
We apologise for any disruption during the repairs.

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To date, 195 local residents have subscribed to our newsletter and are the first to get the very latest news about progress on site.
It's easy to do on our Leashaw landslip webpage here:
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leashaw

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