



Turf's up: Transport for London's Peter Hendy (left) and Keith Ollier (right) flank Croydon Council leader Hugh Malyan

Work starts on bypass

MORE than 10.5km of cables, 7,500 square metres of concrete and 39,000 shrubs will be used during the building of the Coulsdon relief road.

Work finally started last Wednesday after more than 20 years of campaigning by residents and traders.

The first turf on the £33m project was cut by officials from Croydon Council and

Transport for London on a site off Brighton Road.

The 2.9km (1.8-mile) bypass is expected to take about 80 per cent of through-traffic away from Coulsdon town centre.

Taking two years to build, the project will involve up to 200 construction workers.

When finished and marked out the bypass will have 13,500 metres of white lines.