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A5 Old Stratford Roundabout Improvements

NEWSLETTER #03

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MIDWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Welcome to the third update on the A5 Old Stratford Roundabout Improvements.

I wanted to start by saying a personal thank you for your patience and understanding over the past 3 months, we are now midway through the roundabout improvement works. I do understand the disruption this must cause, especially when road closures and diversions are in place.

Scheme update:

Highways England aims to cut congestion and improve safety at the A5 Old Stratford Roundabout by widening the layout on the A422 northbound approach and the A508 southbound approach and extend the 2 lane approaches.

There will be improved signage on approach to the roundabout and improved lane signage too.

There will be resurfacing, improved street lighting, new traffic lights and improvements to the existing safety barrier and drainage system.

The new lane on the A508 South is really taking shape (see below), whilst work on the A422 Northbound approach lane starts the widening phase in the first week of April. You will notice the concrete barriers are now in situ on the A422 approach, these are in place to allow staff to extend the road layout in safety.





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April showers and drainage:

Hopefully you would have noticed the ditches on approach to the roundabout have all now been cleared for drainage improvements.

During April we will be concentrating on the roundabout island itself, you will soon see a 25 Tonne excavator on the island, which will be used to clear gully's and dig a 3 meter deep ditch to help improve overall drainage.

First Video Blog pedestrian pathway:

I have been asked quite a lot about future pedestrian plans for the roundabout, so I produced this first video blog, which explains the plans.

Thank you for those that have taken the time to view the video and leave your comments and suggestions.

By popular request, the next video blog will be about the overall scheme improvements (which will hopefully include some Ariel drone footage) I will keep you posted.



You can view the video by clicking here <https://youtu.be/wi8GyyeJ1W8>

Advance Notice of Full (day / night) Weekend Closures of certain arms of the Roundabout;

We are making good progress with works and are on track to finish by July, we now need to implement a series of full weekend closures (day and night, Friday to Monday) to carry out resurfacing works. We will use the heaviest machinery during the day and use mobile sound barriers to deflect noise and keep noise to a minimum whilst we work on nights



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PHASE 1. 18/19/20 May – A508 full closure and ring management.

- Full closure of the A508 arm (link between Old Stratford Roundabout and M1)
- Single lane running in the form of lane closure(s) and ring management.
- Friday night 8pm through to Monday morning 6am

PHASE 1. CAVEAT;

Major Bridge lifting works are scheduled to take place on 11/12/13 May on the M1, J24 – if the Bridge lift works are not completed that weekend, the contingency plan is complete the Bridge lift works the next weekend (18/19/20 May) which may necessitate a postponement of our PHASE 1. (Full Closure of the A508.) We will not be able to confirm / communicate if this situation occurs and cancel our works closure until Monday the 14th May.

PHASE 2. 2/3/4 June - A5 full closures and ring management.

- Full Closure of the A5 exit arm into Milton Keynes
- Full closure of the A508 Southbound arm from M1 to the Old Stratford Roundabout
- Single lane running in the form of lane closure(s) and ring management
- Friday night 8pm through to Monday morning 6am

PHASE 3. 8/9/10 June- A5 Northbound full closures and ring management.

- Full Closure of the A5 west bound approach arm (link between Milton Keynes and Old Stratford Roundabout)
- Full Closure of the Towcester Road
- Full Closure of the A422 Southbound exit arm (from Old Stratford to Buckingham)
- Friday night 8pm through to Monday morning 6am

PHASE 4. 15/16/17 June- A422 and Towcester Rd closures.

- Full Closure of the A422 arm (link between Old Stratford and the A43 via Buckingham) **
- Friday night 8pm through to Monday morning 6am
- Single lane running in the form of lane closure(s) and ring management

** This closure may also be combined with the full closure of Towcester Rd as shown in the cross-hatched if significant advantage can be demonstrated in terms of outputs and productivity subject to the approval of Highways England construction project manager.

PHASE 5. 22/23/24 June - Full closure of the A5 Southbound ring management.

- Full Closure of the A5 arm (link between Old Stratford Roundabout and Towcester)



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- Full closure of the A422 northbound approach arm (from Buckingham to the Old Stratford Roundabout)
- Full Closure of the A508 Northbound exit arm (Old Stratford roundabout to the M1)
- Friday night 8pm through to Monday morning 6am

I would like to thank you for your support and patience during this time, if you would like any further information, please contact me directly or visit the Highways England website www.highways.gov.uk

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