

M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange

Welcome to the latest M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange newsletter.

This newsletter brings you up to date on what we're doing and provides a look ahead at what's planned.

The M25 junction 10 scheme is a unique project with many features and benefits. The changes and improvements we're planning will make journeys through and around junction 10 more reliable, less time-consuming and less hazardous. The changes will also have wider associated benefits for road users, for the local economy and for those who live or work near the junction.

We're very conscious the junction is already in an environmentally sensitive area and we take that very seriously. Many of the measures we're proposing will mitigate the unavoidable impact some of our work will have. Our proposed mitigation measures, which have

been developed with Natural England and Surrey Wildlife Trust, will see habitats created and heathland restored. You can find out more about these later in this newsletter and in the *Non-technical Environmental Summary* on our webpage.

We are at a critical time for the project. The Planning Inspectorate is just about to examine our proposals and will ask the Secretary of State for Transport to make a decision on them. Find out more about this process, and how you can make a representation, below.

In the meantime, we hope you find this update informative. If you'd like to know more about the scheme please visit our webpage: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m25-junction-10-to-a3-wisley-interchange/> and read the documents and reports we've made available. You can also sign up to email alerts about the scheme there.

Surveys and ground investigation work

Before progressing to the next stage of our work we must survey and investigate the ground around the junction and gain a better understanding of:

- existing conditions;
- the potential impact our improvements may have on the surrounding environment; and
- how the overall design could be refined and improved, so any impacts can be mitigated.

Our ground investigation work not only involves drainage, pavement and ecological surveys but also involves boring exploratory holes into the ground. To do these surveys on Wisley Common and Chatley Heath we submitted an application to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) for consent under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006.

Some of this work means closing some lanes of the M25, the A3, slip roads and some nearby roads. These closures will be at night to reduce the impact on drivers. The survey work is run from a site compound off Wisley Lane.

If you see drilling rigs and equipment on Wisley Common and Chatley Heath it will be related to our surveys.

The results of these investigations will inform our scheme design and development.

Permission to build the scheme

We have applied for consent to build the scheme from the Planning Inspectorate. We submitted our application for development consent in June and our proposals were accepted for examination on 17 July. You can view our planning application by searching *M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange* on the Planning Inspectorate homepage at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>. More information about the Development Consent Order process is available from <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>

Over the next few weeks the Inspectorate will make arrangements to carry out its examination of our application, which will be carried out by one or more examining inspectors. From October the Planning Inspectorate will then have six months to carry out the examination.

Between 26 July and 6 September anyone can make a representation to the Inspectorate about the scheme, and those representations will form part of the formal examination.



The M25 Junction 10 improvement project at a glance

Our improvement project aims to:

- increase road capacity at the M25 junction 10 roundabout
- increase road capacity on the A3 between Ockham and Painshill
- improve traffic flow and reduce delays at M25 junction 10 and on the A3
- improve safety on the A3, its entry and exit roads and the M25 junction 10 roundabout
- reduce queuing as traffic enters the M25 junction 10 roundabout
- improve access to RHS Garden, Wisley

Our changes will...

- improve the current layout of the junction and interchange
- reduce delays at M25 junction 10
- smooth traffic flow at M25 junction 10 and the exit and entry roads for the A3 Wisley
- reduce stopping and starting across the junction
- address issues at noise important areas where practical
- support sustainable travel routes promoted by Surrey County Council and developers
- support economic growth and ensure the junction can accommodate extra traffic
- mitigate environmental impacts wherever possible

You can view a hard copy of the documents and reports we submitted to the Planning Inspectorate at the Highways England offices at Bridge House in Guildford, Surrey. You can view electronic copies at the following locations:

| Venue | Opening Hours |
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| Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4BB | Mondays to Thursdays: 08:30–17:00 Fridays: 08:30–16:30, Saturdays and Sundays: Closed |
| Elmbridge Borough Council, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9SD | Mondays to Thursdays: 08:45–17:00 Fridays: 08:45–16:45, Saturdays and Sundays: Closed |
| Surrey County Council, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DW | Mondays to Fridays: 08:00–17:00, Saturdays and Sundays: Closed |
| Addlestone Library, Runnymede Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 2AF | Tuesdays to Saturdays: 09:30–17:00, Mondays and Sundays: Closed |
| Byfleet Community Library, High Road, Byfleet, Surrey KT14 7QN | Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays: 10:00–16:00, Wednesdays: 18:00–20:00, Thursdays: 15:00–17:00, Sundays: 14:00 - 16:00, Mondays: Closed |
| Cobham Library, The Cedar Centre, Cedar Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2AE | Tuesdays to Saturdays: 09:30–17:00, Mondays and Sundays: Closed |
| Horsley Library, Parade Court, Ockham Road South, East Horsley, Surrey KT24 6QR | Mondays: 14:00–17:00, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 10:00–13:00 and 14:00–17:00, Saturdays: 10:00–16:00, Sundays: Closed |
| Walton Library, 54 The Heart, Walton on Thames, Surrey KT12 1GH | Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 09:30–17:30, Tuesdays: 09:30–19:00, Saturdays: 09:30–17:00, Wednesdays and Sundays: 11:00–17:00 |
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Environment and ecology

As with all Highways England projects, we want to protect against any adverse environmental effects our scheme might have – it's of critical importance to us.

Everything we know and have found out about the area around the junction, through surveys (for bats, dormice, reptiles, protected birds, air quality and noise) along with research by our environmental experts has been published in our [Environmental Statement](#). This report sets out our assessment of the likely environmental effects of the scheme, as well as what we'll do to avoid, reduce or remedy significant effects – a large part of this will involve creating habitats. This work will continue well beyond the completion of the road works themselves. The plans for all our proposed measures have been discussed with Natural England and Surrey Wildlife Trust and you can find out more about them in our *Non-technical Environmental Summary*.

Features for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders

Several of the changes we made to our original design mean cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders can cross the junction more easily and more safely. We will do this by creating an off-highway route between the Ockham and Painshill junctions using a combination of new and improved paths and new bridges crossing both the M25 and the A3 that link to other roads and bridleways in the area.

Organisations we're talking to

There are a number of major stakeholders across the project and we maintain a dialogue with them on a regular basis. This allows them to plan ahead and also allows our project team to understand underlying local issues and tailor parts of our proposals to accommodate them. These stakeholders include the county and local authorities, Surrey Wildlife Trust, RHS Garden Wisley, Painshill Park and many landowners. This dialogue will become critical as the project moves from the current preliminary stage into detailed design next year.



Did you take part in our consultation?

We carried out two consultations in 2018, gathering the views of the general public and those who are directly affected by our proposals. We now have a design that addresses many of the comments and feedback we received. In spring 2019 we consulted again just with landowners and key organisations affected by the amendments we made.

Timeline

| Date | Event |
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| February 2018 | Statutory public consultation |
| November 2018 | Targeted non-statutory consultation |
| April 2019 | Additional targeted non-statutory consultation |
| June 2019 | Development Consent Order - submission to the Planning Inspectorate |
| July 2019 | Development Consent Order - acceptance by the Planning Inspectorate |
| 26 July to 6 September 2019 | Development Consent Order - representation period |
| October 2019 | Development Consent Order - start of examination |
| March 2020 | Development Consent Order - end of examination |
| October 2020 | Development Consent Order - Secretary of State decision |
| Winter 2020 | Public information events |
| Winter 2020/21 | Begin construction |

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