

March 2019 news bulletin

The first phase of the project started in July 2018 and comprises the area west from Junctions 8/9 leading to Junction 12. While this is a significant piece of work in itself, the next phase covering Junctions 8/9 at Maidenhead eastwards into London and Junction 3 at Hayes starts in May. This will be more complex due to the level of structures work required.

Details of our latest set of public engagement exhibitions are on the next page. These will be taking place from mid-March into early April along the route from Junctions 8/9 to 3.

Thank you to those who have already responded regarding the education outreach programme. We are looking through your responses and will be in touch soon. If you are interested in this, please email us at the usual address.



What's happening on the M4 project during March?

Launch of our new engagement website



We would also like to introduce our new engagement website, hosted by Commonplace.

<https://m4j3to12smartmotorway.commonplace.is/>

Commonplace is an interactive web-based platform for engagement with communities, and we will be using this to invite residents and road users to give their views on our delivery of the project. The site contains information and the latest news on the M4 upgrade, and you can use location markers to comment on specific areas of the scheme that may be of special interest to you. We would also very much welcome feedback about the project from you and your community.

Please visit the site and have a look around - you can sign up to receive news on forthcoming planned work, road closures, and future events. It also has a survey function that will help the team understand the local community better and plan work with as little disruption as possible. You also have the option to comment without leaving your details if you prefer not to share your data with us.

M4 overnight closures planned in March

There are several overnight full closures (usually 22:00 to 05:00) currently planned during March.



Weekly updates on the latest closures, including slip road closures will be available in the news section of our Commonplace [site](#).

NB: In the event of poor weather conditions or other issues out of our control, planned works may be postponed at short notice. If works complete ahead of schedule the motorway may reopen early. Signage will be in place to notify of any changes.

Public Information Exhibitions Spring 2019

You can find out more about the plans for junctions 3 to 8/9 at the exhibitions in the table below. Highways England and the design and construction teams will be available to discuss the scheme and answer your questions. All venues are fully accessible and have parking available on site or nearby (Datchet WI Hall parking is available at Horton Car Park). We will also be holding pop-up exhibitions at shopping centres, supermarkets, business parks, and major employment locations throughout Spring and Summer 2019. Details of these will be posted on our Commonplace site in due course.

Venue	Date	Time
Datchet Women's Institute Hall, The Green, Datchet, Berkshire SL3 9EH	Wednesday 13th March 2019	17:00 – 21:00
Slough Aspire (on the trading estate), 350 Edinburgh Avenue, Slough SL1 4TU	Friday 15th March 2019	12:00 – 19:00
Cippenham Community Centre, 90 Earls Lane, Slough SL1 5TD	Monday 18th March 2019	16:00 – 20:00
Heathrow Windsor Marriott, Ditton Road, Slough SL3 8PT	Tuesday 19th March 2019	15:00 – 20:00
Langley Pavilion, Langley Road, Slough, SL3 8BS	Wednesday 20th March 2019	16:00 – 20:00
Yiewsley & West Drayton Community Centre, 228 Harmondsworth Road, West Drayton, Middlesex UB7 9JL	Friday 22nd March 2019	17:30 – 20:00
Hayes & Harlington Community Centre, Albert Road, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 4HR	Saturday 23rd March 2019	12:00 – 16:00
Cranford Community College, High Street, Hounslow TW5 9PD	Thursday 28th March 2019	18:00 – 21:00
Iver Village Hall, Grange Way, Iver, Buckinghamshire SL0 9NW	Monday 1st April 2019	18:30 – 21:00

One of the key elements of this phase of the project will be the eleven bridges over the motorway that need to be replaced to make room for a new lane where there is no existing hard shoulder. To limit disruption, seven of the new bridges will be built next to the existing ones, before the old ones are demolished.

These are: **Ascot Road (A330) – Monkey Island Lane – Lake End Road – Huntercombe Spur – Wood Lane – Datchet Road – Riding Court Road.**

Where there is not enough space for this, four of the bridges will be demolished first, then a new bridge will be built in the same place.

These are: **Marsh Lane – Oldway Lane – Recreation Ground – Old Slade Lane.**

Where the motorway passes over, for example, the River Thames at Bray and the railway line to Windsor, we will need to widen bridges to support the new smart motorway. Two subways, including at Sipson, and several culverts that run under the motorway will also need work in order to accommodate the upgrade.

Some weekend closures will be required for bridge works. Road diversions for all of these works have been agreed with the local and statutory authorities. Full details will be communicated and posted on our webpages in advance.

Find out more

You can find out more by visiting our websites at: <https://m4j3to12smartmotorway.commonplace.is/> or www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12. You can keep up to date with live traffic information by following the South East regional twitter feed [@highwaysSEAST](https://twitter.com/highwaysSEAST) or by visiting the [Traffic England](http://www.trafficengland.co.uk) website.

If you have a question that you would like a response to please continue to email us at: M4J3to12smartmotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk, call 0300 123 5000 or write to: M4 J3-12 Smart Motorway, Highways England, 2 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6BN.