

A19/A184

Testo's junction improvement

Starting work





TESTO'S
Tyne Tunnel A19
South Shields (A184)

A19/A184 Testo's junction improvement

Testo's roundabout is a major junction forming the intersection of the A19 with the A184, south of the Tyne Tunnel entrance at Jarrow.

There is severe congestion at this roundabout at peak times.

We will be improving the junction by raising the A19 on a flyover and building new slip roads to connect it to the A184 via the Testo's roundabout. This means through traffic on the A19 would not have to use the roundabout.

Access between Testo's roundabout and Downhill Lane junction would be provided using link roads.

The existing bridleway bridge north of Testo's will be removed and new routes through the junction will be provided for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.



Scheme Update

Since the public consultations in 2017, we applied for a Development Consent Order (DCO) in order to obtain permission to construct the scheme. The application was made on 12 September 2018 and came into force on 25 October 2018.

We completed clearing vegetation at the end of February 2019 to enable construction of the site offices to start in March before the bird nesting season.

**Testo's
improvements are
due to finish by
Summer 2021.**



Construction

The construction period will last approximately two and a half years. During this period we will seek to minimise disruption to both local residents and road users. During construction the following traffic management and restrictions will be in place:

- Two lanes will be kept open to traffic on weekdays between 6am and 8pm on the A19 in both directions during construction.
- Where possible, one lane in both directions on the A19 and A184 will be kept open between 8pm and 6am.
- Narrowing the road, keeping the lanes safe by using temporary barriers. These narrower lanes are for the safety of drivers and the people who will be working close to the road.
- Access to businesses will be maintained during business hours throughout construction.
- Noise, vibration and disruption to adjacent properties will be kept to a minimum. If required, alternative pedestrian footways, cycleways and crossing facilities will be maintained at all times.
- Steps will be taken to minimise, as far as possible, any adverse impact on the local environment.



What disruption will there be to the traffic lanes during the improvement?

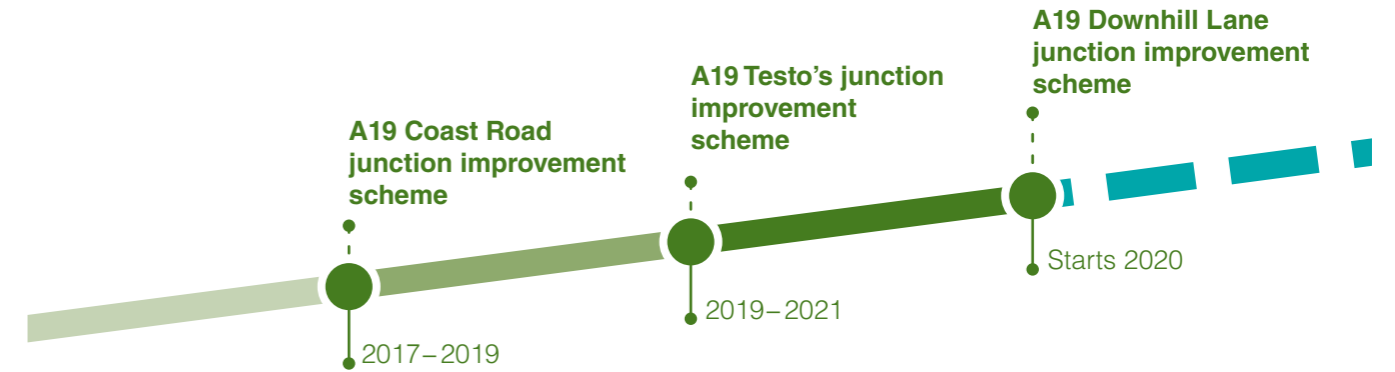
We have carefully planned the improvement work to keep disruption to a minimum and to ensure traffic keeps moving. Two lanes will remain open during the day on the A19, there will be the need for some lane and full carriageway closures during the night and some weekends to carry out critical operations, for example to remove the old bridleway bridge north of Testos roundabout. You can sign up to our email alert system to be notified in advance. Visit [Highways England website](https://www.highwaysengland.co.uk) for more information. Clearly signposted diversions will be in place.



Will there be improvements for pedestrians and cyclists?

Yes, the existing bridleway bridge to the north of Testos junction will be removed and new routes through the junction will be provided for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Two balancing ponds will be created, one at the south-east end of the scheme and one to the north west.

Construction Timetable



South Tyneside Council Schemes

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