

## **M25 junction 13 improvements scheme frequently asked questions**

### **Q What is the objective of this scheme?**

The objective of the scheme is to reduce congestion and improve the journey time reliability at the junction. Safety benefits are also expected around the junction and on the nearby section of the M25 motorway.

### **Q How long will it take to construct?**

Construction started on 04 November 2019, with completion expected in July 2020.

### **Q Does this scheme provide value for money to the taxpayer?**

Highways England follows the guidance published in HM Treasury's Green Book to appraise its projects. The costs of implementing the scheme and the resulting benefits give a benefit to cost ratio of approximately 5:1. This ratio determines that the project provides value for money to the taxpayer.

### **Q Where is the funding coming from?**

The majority of this scheme has been funded by the Department for Transport's Congestion Relief Fund, which has an allocation of £220 million to improve congestion hotspots across the Strategic Road Network.

### **Q Will there be disruption to local residents**

Whilst every effort will be made to limit the disruption caused by the works, some disruption is expected. In order to complete the works, a series of 24/7 lane closures, road closures, and narrow lanes will be required to protect the travelling public and our workforce.

### **Q Will emergency services vehicles be able to still get through?**

The finished scheme will provide equally as good access for emergency services as the current road layout.

Whilst the scheme is being constructed, emergency service vehicles will still be able to use the current routes for the majority of the time. Before any road closures are implemented, we will work with the emergency services to discuss routes and access through the closures where the work allows.

**Q Are you acquiring land as part of this scheme?**

Private land will not be acquired for this scheme.

**Q Will you be closing the junction overnight?**

The junction will be closed periodically to allow for works to be carried out. These closures are necessary due to the narrow width of the existing carriageways and to ensure the safety of both the travelling public and the workforce during the works. Diversion routes will be agreed with local highway authorities and will be fully signed at the roadside.

**Q Why is it taking so long to complete?**

The works have been planned to allow traffic to continue to use this very busy junction throughout the scheme, except for occasional full closures. By allowing traffic to continue to use the junction, working areas available will be restricted at any one time, limiting the size of equipment which can be used. This means works take longer as we need to work around the existing traffic signals, street lighting and drainage while we carry out the improvements.

We have developed approaches to suit each area of the works in order to complete these works as quickly and efficiently as possible, which is currently expected to take over one year.

We have worked closely with Surrey County Council's Highways department to plan our works. We have also considered when contractors undertaking routine maintenance and asset renewals for both Highways England and Surrey County Council so that road closures can be shared in order to avoid multiple future closures at the same location.

**Q When do you next expect to do any maintenance on the junction?**

Highways England has worked with its supply chain to ensure as much of the major maintenance work planned at the junction is undertaken as part of the junction improvement. We therefore do not expect to return for any major works within the next 10 years.

We have also considered when contractors undertaking routine maintenance and asset renewals, for both Highways England and Surrey County Council, can undertake their planned works within our road closures in order to avoid multiple future closures.

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