



The old Ascot Road bridge was demolished safely during the last weekend of September

October 2020 news bulletin

We are preparing to demolish the final three bridges on the project

With the heavy lifting complete on all 12 bridges we are replacing/extending, the project has now entered its second half. Work remains to demolish three more bridges, upgrade the carriageways, and install the technology to create the new smart motorway.

At the end of 2020 traffic management will be lifted on the western section (junctions 8/9 to 12) and the speed limit increased to 60mph whilst we finish technology installation.

Our next weekend closures of the M4 are:

23-26 October 2020 – full weekend closure between junctions 7 and 8/9

30 October-2 November 2020 – full weekend closure between junctions 5 and 7

Highways England launch an updated website

With the M4 Commonplace engagement platform phasing out, the Highways England website now has a new look. You can continue to find updates and information here: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12



***Above:** the old Wood Lane bridge next to its new replacement, scheduled to be demolished later this month. **Below:** the old Datchet Road bridge waiting for demolition next to the new bridge.*



Weekend closures

We are continually reviewing our weekend closures planned for 2020 in light of the COVID-19 situation and local authority requirements, and this is the updated list until mid-December 2020. Keep an eye out for our next newsletters for further updates. There will also be a new programme of dates for weekend work in 2021 released later this year.

Junctions 7-8/9 23-26 October

Junctions 5-7 30 October-2 November

Junctions 10-11 6-9 November

Junctions 11-12 13-16 November

Junctions 6-8/9 20-23 November

Junctions 6-8/9 4-7 December

Junctions 5-6 11-14 December

Other news

The M4 junction 3-12 smart motorway project receives a Silver Considerate Constructors Award

This achievement highlights the commitment that the project makes in raising standards of considerate construction across the industry: we have been recognised for exceptional leadership, collaboration and innovation. The project also has an Ultra Site status which recognises us as industry leading.



This project demonstrated a fantastic level of consideration towards the public, its workforce and the environment through adhering to the Scheme's Code of Considerate Practice.



Find out more

You can find out more about the project by visiting our website at: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12. You can keep up to date with live traffic information by following the regional twitter feeds [@highwaysEAST](https://twitter.com/highwaysEAST) and [@highwaysSEAST](https://twitter.com/highwaysSEAST) or by visiting [Traffic England](https://www.trafficengland.co.uk). 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.