

National Highways

A14 Junction 47a - 49

Stakeholder newsletter

Welcome to the September edition of the A14 junction 47a to junction 49 concrete road newsletter.

In this issue we provide an update on the work we've recently completed and what we're doing next.

What have we been doing?

Since our last newsletter we've made excellent progress across the scheme.

We're nearly halfway completing the roadworks and will soon be moving to the next phase of the scheme to accommodate the start of our works on the westbound carriageway between junction 49 and 47a.

We've finished laying the strengthened material for the new road foundations on the eastbound carriageway. We're continuing with resurfacing both lanes with asphalt and have started installing new kerbs. As the work progresses, we'll start installing the new steel barrier in the verge and doing the drainage on the edge of the carriageway.



This will mean we'll be moving the contraflow to the eastbound carriageway at the end of October 2023.

For safety, some road closures will be needed when we change the layout of the contraflow. We'll publish information about these closures on our scheme webpage ahead of this happening: visit nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley

What's coming up in October.

We'll be completing finishing work, which includes topsoiling the verge, completing the filter drain, raising gullies, grass cutting and vegetation clearance.

Once this work is complete, we'll start preparation work for installing the contraflow on the eastbound carriageway.



Public information exhibitions

Our reconstruction work on the eastbound carriageway is nearing completion, and we'll soon be starting reconstruction work on the westbound carriageway.

Come along to learn more about the next phased of work on the opposite carriageway during our fourth series of public information events later this month, where members of the project team can answer your questions. We'll be at the following locations:

Wednesday 27 September: 1pm to 7pm at Wetherden village Hall, Park Road, Wetherden, Stowmarket, IP14 3LE

Thursday 28 September: 4pm to 8pm at Thurston Sixth, Beyton Campus, Drinkstone Rd, Beyton, Bury Saint Edmunds IP30 9AQ

Friday 29 September: 11am to 4pm at Stowmarket Leisure Centre, Gainsborough Road, Stowmarket IP14 1LH

We look forward to meeting you.

Breakdowns

Breakdown safety is very important to us, not just for our workers but also customers who travel through our roadworks.

Our recovery team is on hand 24/7 to remove any vehicles that have broken down within the roadworks.



If you breakdown within the contraflow, then remember to switch your hazard warning lights on, even during the day. If it's dark, use side lights and use fog lights if its poor visibility.

If it's safe and you can get out with any passengers, exit your vehicle via the left-hand door and get behind a safety barrier where there is one. They offer extra protection.

Keep well away from your vehicle and moving traffic, even if it's raining, cold or dark. If you're on the verge, be aware of any unseen hazards such as uneven ground or debris.

If you're unable to exit your vehicle:

- Stay in your vehicle with your seatbelt and hazard lights on
- Call 999 immediately or press the SOS button in your car if you have one.

Thanks

Below is an extract of a compliment recently received from a member of the public who recently experienced car trouble whilst travelling in the roadworks and needed our help:

“Please pass on my immense gratitude to your team on this day. They were incredibly professional, carrying out a recovery in really demanding circumstances, keeping myself and my passengers safe. They are a great credit to your company and went above and beyond exemplary customer service.”

Short Messaging Service (SMS)

Don't forget you can sign up for our SMS (Short Messaging Service). We'll quickly send a SMS message to you if there is a breakdown or collision in the roadworks, so that you can plan your journey.

Sign up for this service by sending your mobile number to:

ConcreteRoadsEastA14@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Read the next edition of our newsletter to find out more on the next phase of our project.

Get in contact with us

You can visit our webpage and sign up for updates about the scheme at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley

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