

A45 Chowns Mill Roundabout Improvement Scheme

Progress report – June 2021

The project remains on track having recently crossed a significant milestone by successfully installing the three super-span gantries that cross the A45 and the A6 northern arm (Chowns Mill Business Park). The gantries weigh up to 25 tonnes each with a width of around 40m.

We'll fit signs to the gantries over the next few months which will help traffic flow more smoothly and provide important information for drivers, once the new junction is operational.

We'd like to thank nearby residents and motorists for their understanding and support during the night-time installations.



Image shows gantry installation on the A45 Western arm

Also, during June, we have continued to build the infrastructure of the Central Islands, as well as finishing some of the smaller splitter islands around the junction.

Much of this work is underground and unseen from the roadside but we've made significant progress.



Image shows the outline of the new half hamburger roundabout design – the A45 traffic will flow through the middle section of the roundabout - June 2021

What's next?

In July we'll be continuing with the splitter and central islands construction, commencing the installation of the street lighting and traffic signal cables and infrastructure, and undertaking surfacing works to the northern half of the roundabout. To carry out these works safely, we'll need a combination of night time and weekend road closures (see road closure schedule below)

Station Road (A5028) Higham Ferrers

Customers have told us about the additional queuing on Station Road leading to some delays in drivers leaving nearby estates. At the request of residents, we recently closed Station Road to allow Western Power to undertake civils works in advance of supplying power to the Chowns Mill scheme. Thank you to the residents that took the time to request these changes and for the positive feedback.

For safety reasons, we're keeping a single lane approach to Station Road for now and we would encourage you to allow more time for your journey, especially at peak times.

Customer Communication Survey

Thank you for your valuable feedback, we received over 200 responses to our recent Communication survey.

Overall, you've told us that you were happy with communications, though feedback identified some areas we need to improve on:

3. How do you rate the communications overall?

[More Details](#)

 Insights

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Responses



4.31 Average Rating

Following your feedback, we will

- **Promote ways of contacting Highways England and the Public Liaison Officer**

34% of customers strongly agreed – We'll consider ways on how to improve contact with the scheme.

- **Improve the perception that Highways England listens and responds to concerns**

21% of customers strongly agreed. We'll report more "you said, we did" story's

- **Increased use of social media**

27% of customers strongly agreed. We'll consider how we can improve our Social Media reach.

Road Closure information

Please see the road closure schedule below:

| DATE | DETAILS | TIMES |
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| Fri 2 July to Mon 5 July | <p>A45 Chowns Mill Westbound Departure closed</p> <p>Full weekend closure of the A45 Westbound departure between Chowns Mill roundabout and Rushden Lakes</p> | 8pm Fri to 5am Mon |
| Mon 5 July to Fri 9 July | <p>A45 Chowns Mill South half of the roundabout closed:</p> <p>A45 Westbound closed from Stanwick Lakes RBT to Rushden Lakes RBT</p> <p>A6 Northbound & Southbound closed between Chowns Mill RBT & Kimbolton Road RBT.</p> | 8pm to 5am nightly |
| Mon 12 July to Fri 16 July | <p>A45 Chowns Mill South half of the roundabout closed:</p> <p>A45 Westbound closed from Stanwick Lakes RBT. to Rushden Lakes RBT</p> <p>A6 Northbound & Southbound closed between Chowns Mill RBT & Kimbolton Road RBT.</p> | 8pm to 5am nightly |
| Mon 19 July to Fri 23 July | <p>A45 Chowns Mill South half of the roundabout closed:</p> <p>A45 Westbound closed from Stanwick Lakes RBT. to Rushden Lakes RBT</p> <p>A6 Northbound & Southbound closed between Chowns Mill RBT & Kimbolton Road RBT.</p> | 8pm to 5am nightly |

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| Mon 26 July to Fri 30 July | A45 Chowns Mill North half of roundabout closure: A45 Eastbound closed from Rushden Lakes RBT to Stanwick Lakes RBT. A6 Northbound & Southbound Closed between Chowns Mill RBT & Nene Park RBT. (Irthlingborough) | 8pm to 5am nightly |
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NOTE: Signed diversion routes will be in place during any closures. Our planned closures may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Where possible, we will notify you if there are any changes to the schedule.

Keeping Informed

For information about the scheme, please visit our webpage:

www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a45a6-chowns-mill-roundabout-improvement/

To receive text alerts about future A45 Chowns Mill road closures, please text **A45CM** to **07537 439499**. Messages will be charged at your standard network text message rate.

To unsubscribe, please text A45CM STOP to the same number.

For more information, or to be removed from the mailing list, please email:

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Kind regards,

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