

## A45 Chowns Mill Roundabout Improvement Scheme

### Progress report – May 2021

During May, we've been putting in drainage and ducting in the central and splitter islands. While much of this work is underground and unseen from the roadside, we've made significant progress.

Around the junction, you'll notice new, vehicle restraint system (crash barriers), timber fencing and topsoiled verges ready for seeding, which we'll be carrying out in June.

The new pedestrian ramp is visible and near to completion, we'll carry out tarmacking work during the next weekend closure.



*new footway and pedestrian ramp, which will form part of the new signalised crossings, making it safer for cyclists, pedestrians, and people with disabilities to cross the junction.*

### What's next?

Around the end of June, we'll install three super-span gantries. These will span the A45 carriageways and the A6 northern arm (Chowns Mill Business Park). Once complete, the gantries will display new signage.



*gantry base on the A45 Westbound and the prospective signs once installed and operational*

In June, we'll continue with building the infrastructure for the Central Islands, as well as finishing some of the smaller splitter islands around the junction.

### **A6 Bypass approach CCTV / ANPR Camera**

Customers have told us that some drivers have ignored the left lane signage: **Higham / A45 WB Lane: to travel north**. We've installed a CCTV / ANPR (Automated Number Plate recognition) camera at the junction and will keep the situation under review.

Northamptonshire Police are responsible for enforcing this and we'll work closely with them to share data or any footage for their review.

### **Customer Communication Survey**

Customers are at the heart of what we do, and we want to hear your views about how you think we're communicating with you about A45 Chowns Mill improvement scheme.

To give us your views, please complete our online [survey](#). The survey should only take 5 mins to complete. Your views are important to us and will help us improve the way we communicate with you.

Last year, we carried out the survey. Thanks to all those who took part. It provided valuable feedback which created actions, some of which we have listed below.

- **Increase confidence that Highways England listens to and responds to concerns**

We regularly discuss any issues that are raised through our Public Liaison Officer and seen through monitoring social media. We've taken actions to address these and have summarised them in the monthly newsletters. We also carry out monthly independent drive-throughs of the scheme and we're now responding to customer concerns in around 3 days.

- **Promote ways of contacting the scheme**

Feedback from the last survey indicated that you wanted better promotion of how to contact us. We've put the Highways England telephone number 0300 123 5000 on roadside signs and regularly publicised the Public Liaison Officer's direct telephone number 0333 0124 596.

- **Increase the use of social media for regular updates**

We've increased our social media visibility by engaging with our partners in town, county and parish councils who share our information through their websites / social media channels and with the support of local social media admins, we're able to reach a wider audience on social media.

Thank you in advance for your valuable feedback.

### **Road Closure information**

We're entering a busy period of work and will need to close various road on the approach to the roundabout. This is so we can safely install new lighting columns, asphalt (tarmac

laying) and re-aligning the existing traffic management system to create further safe workspaces.

Please see the road closure schedule below.

DATE	CLOSURE DETAILS	TIMES
Tue 1 June	<p><b>Full closure of North Half of roundabout:</b></p> <p>A45 Eastbound closed between Rushden Lakes RBT. &amp; Stanwick Lakes RBT.</p> <p>A6 Northbound/Southbound Closed between Chowns Mill RBT. &amp; Nene Park RBT. (Irthlingborough)</p>	8pm to 5am
Wed 2 June	<p><b>Full closure of North Half of roundabout:</b></p> <p>A45 Eastbound closed between Rushden Lakes RBT. &amp; Stanwick Lakes RBT.</p> <p>A6 Northbound/Southbound Closed between Chowns Mill RBT. &amp; Nene Park RBT. (Irthlingborough)</p> <p>A5028 Station Road, Higham Ferrers closed Northbound/Southbound between Nightingale Way &amp; Chowns Mill RBT.</p>	8pm to 5am
Thu 3 and Fri 4 June	<p><b>South half of the Roundabout closed</b></p> <p>A45 Westbound closed between Stanwick Lakes RBT. &amp; Rushden Lakes RBT.</p> <p>A6 Northbound/Southbound closed between Chowns Mill RBT. &amp; Kimbolton Road RBT.</p> <p>A5028 Station Road, Higham Ferrers closed Northbound/Southbound between Nightingale Way &amp; Chowns Mill RBT</p>	8pm to 5am
Sat 5 and Sun 6 June	<p>Daytime closure of the A6 Northbound/Southbound between Chowns Mill RBT. and Nene Park RBT. (Irthlingborough)</p> <p><b>Network Rail Information:</b> (Sunday is a Contingency ONLY)</p> <p>A45 Westbound from Rushden Lakes to Wellingborough (inc. A45 WB slip road from Ditchford lane A5001 closed)</p>	<p>7am to 7pm</p> <p>10.30pm to 6am</p>

**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.

## Help for nearby Stanwick Lakes & Stanwick Fisheries

Following the terrible arson attack at Stanwick Lakes, we quickly answered their appeal for help by installing security fencing to make the area safe.

We also recently helped our neighbours at Stanwick Fisheries re-locate their office cabins using our Mobile crane.



*the re-positioning of Stanwick Fisheries cabins*



*Image shows the security fencing being installed at Stanwick Lakes*

## Keeping Informed

For information about the scheme, please visit our webpage:

[www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a45a6-chowns-mill-roundabout-improvement/](http://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:  
[infoA45chownsmill@carnellgroup.co.uk](mailto:infoA45chownsmill@carnellgroup.co.uk)

Kind regards,

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