

A45 Chowns Mill Roundabout Improvement Scheme

Progress report – July 2021

We've made good progress on the scheme during July. There are now more visible indicators that the junction is moving closer to completion, such as the constructed splitter islands, traffic signal and street lighting infrastructure.

Currently out of sight from drivers, behind the central island concrete safety barriers, is the new A45 carriageway that will run through the centre of the roundabout.

We are on track to open the A45 carriageway and junction, as per the 'half hamburger' design, during September 2021.

Over the weekend of 31 July to 1 August alone, over 1,000 tonnes of new road surface (Tarmac) were laid on the A6 and A45 eastbound carriageways.



Image shows the kerbing and new block paving line that defines the new A45 carriageway space between the half hamburger and central island.



Image of the new traffic signal infrastructure that forms part of the safer pedestrian crossing points on the scheme

What's next?

Before we can open the junction in September, we'll need to resurface and 'white line' the entire gyratory of the roundabout and some of its approaches.

During August and September, we'll use a series of night time and weekend road closures to safely carry out the surfacing and lining works.

We appreciate that any road closures can be frustrating and we are doing all we can to minimise the number of closures needed and the impact they have.

To minimise disruption as much as possible we have clearly signed diversion routes, agreed with the local authority, in place. We urge drivers to stick to these diversion routes.

Those who do not follow our diversion routes should be aware that there are temporary traffic lights in place on Northampton Road into Rushden which will add time to their journeys.

We also advise drivers to allow extra time for their journeys if travelling through the junction during the closures.



Image shows a view of the junction from the A6 Bypass approach. In September, the roundabout will be operating as per the above design.

Thank you

To keep the programme on track, we continue to utilise various road closures at night. During the weekend of 19 July, we worked closer to residential areas on nights than normal, this work was necessary to connect power to the junction to enable the next phase of works to be carried out.

We appreciate this work can be a source of frustration to local residents, especially at night and in the current hot weather, we apologise for any disruption caused and thank you for your understanding.

We'd also like to thank local businesses and the travelling public, we appreciate that there is never a good time to carry out road closures and we're grateful for the support and understanding you have shown us around the upcoming weekend closures (detailed below)

Road Closure information

DATE	DETAILS	TIMES
Mon 2 August to Fri 6 August	<p>A45 Chowns Mill North half of roundabout closed:</p> <p>Full closure A45 Eastbound closed from Rushden Lakes RBT to Stanwick Lakes RBT.</p> <p>A6 Closed between Chowns Mill RBT & Nene Park RBT Irthlingborough</p>	8pm to 5am nightly
Mon 9 August Fri August 13	<p>A45 Chowns Mill North half of roundabout closed:</p> <p>Full closure A45 Eastbound closed from Rushden Lakes RBT to Stanwick Lakes RBT.</p> <p>A6 Closed between Chowns Mill RBT & Nene Park RBT Irthlingborough</p>	8pm to 5am nightly

DATE	DETAILS	TIMES
Mon 16 August to Thu 19 August	<p>A45 Chowns Mill South half of roundabout closed:</p> <p>Full closure A45 Westbound closed from Stanwick Lakes RBT to Rushden Lakes RBT.</p> <p>A6 Closed between Chowns Mill RBT & Kimbolton Rd. RBT Rushden</p> <p>Station Road (A5028) Higham Ferrers closed at roundabout</p>	8pm to 5am nightly
Fri 20 August to Mon 23 August	<p>A45 Chowns Mill North half of roundabout closed: 24/7 FULL WEEKEND</p> <p>Full closure A45 Eastbound closed from Rushden Lakes RBT to Stanwick Lakes RBT.</p> <p>A6 Closed between Chowns Mill RBT & Nene Park RBT Irthlingborough (with the exception of 0700-1200 Saturday only, where this part of the A6 will be open)</p>	8pm Fri to 5am Mon

Fri 3 September to Mon 6 September	A45 Chowns Mill South half of the roundabout closed: 24/7 FULL WEEKEND A45 Westbound closed from Stanwick Lakes RBT. to Rushden Lakes RBT A6 Northbound & Southbound closed between Chowns Mill RBT & Kimbolton Road RBT. Station Road (A5028) Higham Ferrers closed at roundabout	8pm Fri to 5am Mon
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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/

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