

August 2021

Dear Customer,

**A45 Chowns Mill Improvement Scheme update.**

We've reached a major milestone in the Chowns Mill Improvement Scheme:

From **Monday 6 September** the Chowns Mill junction will be controlled by the new traffic lights system, traffic will travel through the new A45 central carriageway and the A6 Bypass / Higham Ferrers traffic will travel around the gyratory of the new 'half hamburger' island.

The new traffic light system will operate on the latest technology, it takes up to three months for the system to learn from data to operate traffic at maximum efficiency.

The pedestrian crossings will **not** be in use until later in the month with customers advised to continue to use the free 24/7 shuttle bus.

From 6 September, please take care using the new roundabout layout.

Overall the project is still on track to be completed by Winter 2021 /22.



*Image shows the A45 approach from Stanwick – A45 traffic will use the new section of carriageway between the islands*



*Image shows the A6 Bypass approach from Rushden, traffic will run around the outer ring of the island*

## **What's next?**

Over the next two weeks, we'll be working on days and nights during the week and over the whole weekend of Friday 3 September to Monday 6 September to prepare for the opening of the new roundabout layout.

During the weekend of the 3-6 September, for safety reasons, there will be a full closure of the southern half of the roundabout. This will allow us to install the last pedestrian splitter island, carry out surfacing works, road markings, add signs, and test the traffic light system ahead of the new junction opening on Monday 6 September.

Our next phase of works includes a renewal of the carriageway and part of the footpath from Stanwick to Chowns Mill and continued works to the roundabout and approaches

**Our full road closure schedule is below:**

DATE	DETAILS	TIMES
Tue 31 August to Thu 2 September	<p><b>A45 Chowns Mill South half of the roundabout closed:</b></p> <p>A45 Westbound closed from Stanwick Lakes roundabout to Rushden Lakes roundabout</p> <p>A6 Northbound &amp; Southbound closed between Chowns Mill roundabout and Kimbolton Road roundabout.</p> <p>Station Road (A5028) Higham Ferrers closed at roundabout</p>	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.

**NOTE 2:** *Following the roundabout opening, works will continue to take place, predominantly under overnight closures, to ensure all elements of the works are complete including seasonally dependant activities such as planting & seeding.*

### 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/)

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Kind regards,

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