

M5 Junction 25 Improvements Scheme Project Newsletter: December 2019

Scheme Update



Toneway

We have recently completed the verge reprofiling works and we are on target for our next lane switch between 14th - 16th December. The details for this can be found below.

Once the lanes have been switched, we will start working on the Taunton-bound side of the Toneway. Our first jobs will be site clearance, drainage surveys and confirming the location of utilities under the road. We'll then be breaking up, removing and recycling the old concrete road and kerbs.

The current set-up involving two lanes into Taunton and one lane out will remain in place.

Roundabout

We have installed 3 of the 4 rainwater attenuation tanks in the centre of the roundabout that are needed to improve drainage. This involved excavating approximately 2,400 tonnes of material that was kept in the area to reprofile the inner gyratory to reduce the number of lorry movements. The final tank is on the east of the inner gyratory and will be completed early next year. Vegetation clearance works will begin before Christmas in advance of the bird nesting season.



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Christmas working



Did you know, our teams have completed 58,500 working hours at Junction 25 since we started back in the spring.

Over Christmas many of our workers will be taking a hard-earned break between 20 December and 6 January. However, a reduced presence will be retained and we'll continue to maintain the traffic management and monitor the site.

This will be the last newsletter for 2019. Alun Griffiths and Somerset County Council wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lane Switch

The next lane switch starts on Saturday 14th of December with **ROAD CLOSURES** in place. The details below show the exact times and dates of what will be closed.

14th

M5 J25 North Bound Exit total closure 20:00 – 05:00.

M5 J25 South Bound Exit slip Lane 2 closure 20:00 – 05:00.

A358 Toneway closed between J25 and Hankridge in both directions 20:00 – 05:00

15th & 16th

M5 J25 North Bound Exit total closure 20:00 – 05:00.

M5 J25 South Bound Exit slip Lane 2 closure 20:00 – 05:00.

A358 Toneway closed inbound 20:00 – 05:00.

Minimising disruption

We're committed to minimising disruption where we can and have introduced a package of signing and lining at Hankridge Retail Park to help increase capacity as much as possible and improve flow by encouraging drivers to use the correct lane.

Sainsbury's will also be assisting with the management of traffic in the area by providing Police Accredited Traffic Officers. These marshals hold appropriate powers to direct traffic and will be operating during busy periods to help ease congestion and improve traffic flow.

If you're heading from J25 into town then have you considered using the park & ride? The Gateway site accessed from the A358 at Henlade is fully open throughout our work and is also now operating on Saturdays. Times and further details about the service can be found [HERE](#).

Public Information Centre

From the 19th December 2019 – 6th January 2020 the PIC will not be open.

If you have any questions about our work please come along to our weekly Public Information Centre, which is based in the Gateway Park & Ride from 13:00 – 15:00 every Tuesday.



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