

## **M27 J11 to J12 CLIMBING LANE SCHEME NEWSLETTER**

### **To Residents in Portchester & Paulsgrove**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This newsletter has been produced to update local residents and other interested parties of the progress of the M27 Junctions 11 to 12 Climbing Lane scheme.

The main construction works commenced on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008 with the installation of traffic management, including a 50 mph speed limit regulated by average speed cameras. During peak hours three narrow lanes are maintained in each direction between Junction 11 and 12 in order to minimise the impact of the works on the travelling public. There will however be occasions when less lanes are operating at off peak times to undertake works. This is necessary for the safety of both the travelling public and construction workers.

Overall duration of the scheme is 9 months before return to 70mph running. Overall project cost is approx £18m

An additional lane is being constructed from Junction 11 eastbound for 2 km and from Junction 12 westbound for approx 2 km. The scheme will bring reduced congestion, quicker and more reliable journey times and improved safety. The scheme is to be built entirely within the existing highway boundary minimising the impact on the environment and surrounding communities, and will bring real benefits to the current traffic situation.

#### **PROGRESS**

All works are on programme and during **May**, works were carried out consecutively to the hard shoulders and verges in both directions. This included taking down of existing safety fencing, roadside telephones and gantry signs as applicable. Also completion of the installation of water storage culverts at J11 and a start was made on the other culverts towards J12 on the westbound carriageway. Also the existing cuttings slopes and embankments have been steepened or extended to suit the new widening. Finally works started on removing the old drainage and replacing it with new.

The next few months will consist of further works to the Hard Shoulder and Verges (East & Westbound) comprising,

### **June**

Continue with the replacement drainage system

Commence reinstatement the motorway communications systems to suit new road layout

Start structural strengthening works to the overbridges to protect from vehicle collision

Start full depth road construction for widened areas e.g. climbing lanes

### **July**

Installation of new/ replacement noise and screen fencing

Completion of new drainage system and surface water channel

Installation of new safety fencing

Completion of structural strengthening works to the overbridges to protect from vehicle collision

Complete full depth road construction for widened areas e.g. climbing lanes

Start placing new motorway communication cables to suit new road layout

### **Aug**

#### Communications Installation and Carriageway Resurfacing

Removal of existing surfacing and replacement with new low noise surfacing

Start installation of power and communication equipment for new communication system.

### **NUISANCE AND COMPLAINTS**

For the duration of the works we sincerely hope that there will not be too many reasons for you to complain.

However it is inevitable with a contract of this size that some problems will arise. If you have any queries or wish to bring to our attention any problems, then please contact Brian Southon, Costain Community Relations Manager for the M27 on our Helpline 0845 602 4322 and he will address your particular query or problem. In addition, you can contact the Highways Agency Information Line (HAIL) on 08457 50 40 30

Our aim is to ensure that the minimum of inconvenience is caused to you. We will respond quickly to your complaint through personal contact and with a quick resolution