

M27 J3 to J4 LANE WIDENING NEWSLETTER To Residents in the Parish of Nursling & Rownhams

INTRODUCTION

This newsletter has been produced to update local residents and other interested parties of the progress of the M27 Junctions 3 to 4 Lane Widening scheme.

The main construction works commenced on 25th February 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 leading to and from the junction with the M3 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 15 months. However with the exception of landscaping and finalising motorway communications, we anticipate the roadworks being complete in 12 months. Overall project cost is approx £36m

An additional lane is being constructed on each carriageway between junction 3 and 4, approximately four kilometres in length. 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. The excavated material from the central reserve is in the process of being removed together with safety fencing, lighting columns and sign gantries. Drainage has commenced to the central reserve and work to Tanners Brook embankment has started. Work in the next few months will include:-

May

- Complete thrust bore for drainage outfall crossings.
- Complete construction of new central reserve, new safety fencing and the surfacing of new lane 4.
- Switch traffic on both carriageways to allow for verge reconstruction.
- Tanners Brook earthworks continue including temporary bridge crossings.

June

- Dismantle existing verge safety fencing,
- Recover redundant columns and equipment and break out foundations for new gantry..
- Commence bulk earthworks and retaining wall solutions, which will include sheet piling and gabions.
- All recyclable materials to be recovered.

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