

Important roadworks information

Dear Sir or Madam

A14 junction 52 Claydon Interchange: drainage renewal

I am writing to inform you that we'll be carrying out essential maintenance work at the above location. This work will see numerous drainage repairs carried out on the A14 junction 52 eastbound carriageway, the eastbound exit and entry slip roads and on the roundabout.

Drainage renewal works will also be carried out on the A14 eastbound carriageway at junction 53 Whitehouse Interchange. These works will alleviate flooding experienced around both junctions.

We plan to carry out this work **over twelve weeks** from **Monday 8 March** to **Friday 28 May**. This work will be delivered under a combination of daytime lane closures and night-time full closures, on weekdays and weeknights only, subject to weather conditions.

This work has been split into separate phases of traffic management which are detailed in the table overleaf. Please note that 24hr lane closures (excluding weekends) are required on the roundabout and this will be monitored and maintained accordingly. There will be occasions when works have stopped but the lane closures remain, this is to protect the works area and provide safe access for the site team.

During the weeknight slip road closures, traffic will be diverted on the A14 to turnaround at the next available junction to continue their journey. During the weeknight full closures, traffic will be diverted off and back onto the A14 eastbound at the same junction. Our **working hours** during **weeknight closures** will be **8pm to 6am**.

To minimise the impact of our overnight works we have asked our site team to undertake noisier activities at the beginning on the shift where practicable. Please note it may not always be possible to achieve this, and some disturbance is regrettably unavoidable.

Please be aware, from **Tuesday 13 to Friday 16 April** there will be a **daytime temporary 50mph speed limit** in place on the A14 eastbound at junction 52 for safety reasons.

Vegetation removal works are also required to facilitate our drainage repairs. With reference to the site plan overleaf, we plan to work in the following locations:

- **Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 March (weekdays, 7:30am to 5pm):** West side of culvert beneath A14, north of Gipping Road, adjacent with Coopers Way (denoted by blue box).
- **Thursday 11 to Friday 19 March (weekdays, 7:30am to 5pm):** Both sides of junction 52 roundabout (denoted by red circle).
- **Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 March (weekdays, 7:30am to 5pm):** East side of culvert beneath A14, north of Station Road, adjacent with Coopers Way (denoted by blue box). Note the footpath that links Coopers Way with Station Road will remain

open however you may be asked to wait a few moments whilst the site team arranges safe passage past the works.

- **Thursday 25 to Monday 29 March (weeknights, 8pm to 6am):** Junction 52 eastbound exit slip road.
- **Friday 23 to Monday 26 April (weeknights, 8pm to 6am):** Junction 52 eastbound entry slip road.

As vegetation is being removed within the bird nesting season an environmental specialist will be present on site to oversee the work and ensure no nesting birds or other protected species are present prior to any removal activities. The amount of vegetation removed will also be kept to minimum to facilitate the work.

The centre of junction 52 roundabout is a designated Roadside Nature Reserve and we have been closely liaising with Suffolk County Council's ecology team who have produced a clear set of instructions for our contractors to follow, to protect the site.

Eurovia, our Principal Contractor for the work, have approval from Mid Suffolk District Council to set up a temporary site compound in the carpark off Gipping Road for the duration of the work, as denoted by the yellow box on the site plan overleaf. The installation, servicing and dismantling of this compound will be undertaken on weekdays to minimise disturbance.

COVID-19

Please be assured all our sites have strict safeguarding measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and none of our sites are open to the public. We will be carrying out all works following safety guidelines set by the Government.

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Yours faithfully



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Site plan



Traffic management phases

Phase	Closure extent	Diversion route	Works start	Works finish	Shift	Times
J53	A14 eastbound closure at J53	Traffic will be diverted off and back onto A14 at J53	08-Mar	09-Mar	Weeknight	8pm to 6am
1	J52 roundabout outer lane closures (hatched area)	N/A	08-Mar	08-Mar	Weekday	9:30am to 3:30pm
2	J52 roundabout inner ring closures (24hr traffic management with additional off-peak lane closures)	N/A	09-Mar	28-May	24hr, excluding weekends	7am Mon 6am Sat
3	J52 eastbound exit slip closure	Traffic wanting to exit the A14 eastbound will be diverted to turnaround at junction 53 to exit via the A14 westbound	22-Mar	31-Mar	Weeknight	8pm to 6am
4	J52 westbound entry slip closure	Traffic wanting to enter the A14 westbound will be diverted to turnaround at junction 53	22-Mar	24-Mar	Weeknight	8pm to 6am
5	A14 eastbound closure at J52	Traffic will be diverted off and back onto A14 at J52	06-Apr	22-Apr	Weeknight	8pm to 6am
6	J52 eastbound entry slip closure (<i>including</i> lane closure on A14)	Traffic wanting to enter the A14 eastbound will be diverted to turnaround at junction 51	23-Apr	17-May	Weeknight	8pm to 6am
7	J52 eastbound entry slip closure (<i>excluding</i> lane closure on A14)	Traffic wanting to enter the A14 eastbound will be diverted to turnaround at junction 51	13-May	17-May	Weeknight	8pm to 6am
8	J52 roundabout closure between westbound entry and eastbound exit slip roads	Traffic will be diverted onto the A14 westbound to turnaround at junction 51 and exit the A14 at junction 52	18-May	24-May	Weeknight	8pm to 6am
9a	Temporary 2-way traffic lights on Gipping Road by site compound	N/A	08-Mar	10-Mar	Weekday	7am to 5pm
9b	Temporary 2-way traffic lights on Gipping Road by site compound	N/A	22-Mar	24-Mar	Weekday	7am to 5pm