

M3 smart motorway junctions 2 to 4a

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Newsletter No 2

Update of works

Following on from the installation of traffic management, main construction works commenced in January 2015. Following completion of mobilisation works, we have carried out the following works between junctions 4 and 3 on the southbound carriageway:

- installation of new Electrical Interface cabinets
- saw cutting to central reserve to provide a clean edge for excavation to commence
- removal of the old barrier and verge for earth works
- excavation of concrete posts from both central reserve and verges
- earth works to verge area
- construction of piling platforms and undertaken some piling works
- de-watering work in the verge
- new interceptor works
- installation of new drainage channels to central reserve by extrusion
- installation of concrete safety barrier in central reserve

- installation of gantry which is positioned alongside the eastbound carriageway to give advance warning messages to drivers
- sheet piling to Emergency Refuge Area and back of drainage. Capping beam has been installed to complete and provide a uniform surface whereby hand rail and fence can be fitted
- completion of all piling to 1st Phase of Works (eastbound and central reserve)

Traffic Management

Once central reserve area works (between Strandways Bridge and The Maultway) on the westbound carriageway are completed, our intention is to move traffic management to the hard shoulder on the westbound verge in order to access the work area. This will then be followed by eastbound verge works for the same length.

There is a 50 mph speed limit in place throughout the length of the works between junctions 2 and 4a. This is monitored and controlled by the Safety Camera Partnership.

Collaborative planning between Surrey Wildlife Trust and Balfour Beatty M3 smart motorway junctions 2 to 4a project

A close working relationship has been established between Balfour Beatty and the Senior Ranger of Surrey Wildlife Trust. Some of the work carried out is listed below:

- We have undertaken specific planning to ensure there are no negative impacts on the common due to construction works, and no negative impacts on the construction programme due to constraints working on or adjacent to Chobham Common.
- Water monitoring carried out by Balfour Beatty on the common to demonstrate to Surrey Wildlife Trust that the water quality had not been reduced due to pollution from the motorway works discharging on to the common.

- Bird nesting survey on the common by Balfour Beatty, pre-construction and during construction, to show that works activity, light, noise and vibration were having no detrimental effects on the protected nesting birds: Woodlark, Dartford Warbler and Nightjar.

- We gained approval from Surrey Wildlife Trust and Natural England to carry out small amounts of work within the common.
- The Site of Special Scientific Interest status of the common extends onto the motorway verge. Following works on these verges, Surrey Wildlife Trust will supply seeds from the common to add to the grass seed mix to replenish the verge and maintain the SSSI habitat.



Surrey Wildlife Trust

Environmental

Our Environment Team works with a full-time ecologist on this project. We work together to protect wildlife located within the works area.



Smooth Newt

Wildlife that has been found on site alongside the M3 junctions 2 to 4a smart motorway project and successfully relocated or removed is as follows;



Slow worm

- Slow worms (translocated to Chobham Common)
- Smooth newts (relocated to Hawley Meadows)
- Grass snakes (moved to safe/suitable location behind environmental barrier)
- Badger sett closed off using one way badger gates

Community Relations

Some of the things we have been doing in the community:

- Six managers assisted with mock interviews at The Wavell School in March 2015
- “Raising Aspirations” talks given to students studying trades at Farnborough College of Technology, 6 and 13 May 2015
- Robert Mays Science Fair on 29 April, 30 minutes workshops held with groups of ten pupils – total of 100 seen during the day. Activities included bridge building out of paper and sticky tape
- “This is Civil Engineering” talks given to students at Farnborough Sixth Form College in November 2014 and June 2015

Community Relations

- Attended Careers Day at Fernhill School, 29 June 2015.



Wavell School mock interviews

Robert Mays Science Fair



The M3 project is a member of the Community Matters Partnership Project

Partners include:



- Rushmoor Borough Council; Hogg Robinson; Aldershot Garrison; TAG Europe; Fluor Construction; Aviator Hotel; Bakers Solicitors; capquest; Farnborough Business Park; Village Urban Resort; Farnborough International; Zurich; Source Supplies; Central Heating Services; Farnborough Sixth Form College.
- The main objective of the Partnership is to raise aspirations of disadvantaged young people in the community by working with local schools, colleges and organisations, and raising money to support charitable organisations in the local community who work with disadvantaged people.

Other activities:

- We held a mini exhibition at Fluor (CMP partner) for their 1,200 local employees, 12 May 2015.
- Six members of the project team took part in a six-a-side football league organised by Farnborough Business Park (CMP partner). After deducting the fee for the venue the remaining funds raised were donated to CMPP charity work.

The M3 junctions 2 to 4a project has been awarded National Skills Academy status, supported by Highways England and managed by the Construction Industry Training Board

Objectives of the NSAfC:



- Up-skilling of workforce including the supply chain
- Working with local organisations to provide work opportunities for local people
- Provide work experience, placements and traineeships to encourage young people into the industry

What we have done so far:

- Created 23 jobs
- Facilitated 21 sub-contractor NVQ starts
- 12 students, 14-19 yrs old, received work experience placements
- One young man who came to the project for two weeks' work experience is now a trainee with the Health, Safety & Environment Team
- A lady joined us as a cleaner and now works as one of our 24/7 CCTV Operators
- We have also employed a mature person as a CCTV Operator
- Two young people, one male and one female, have joined us as trainee Lab Technicians
- Advanced Health & Safety Accreditations = 68
- Special Needs placement programme – two young people came along to the project once a week for three hours
- 15 sub-contractors continuously collaborating on all training

The project recently achieved a 43 out of 50 score for our first Considerate Constructors Audit.

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How can I find out more information?

For further details on the scheme construction over the coming months please visit the project website.

You can also sign up to receive email updates from our road project page:

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