



## **Welcome to the third newsletter for the A12 Margaretting Bypass concrete road reconstruction scheme.**

In this issue we share information about our scheme progress, as well as the forthcoming weekend closure which is taking place in early April 2024.

## **Reopening of Junction 15 southbound entry slip road**



A huge thank you to everyone in the local community, for your patience during the closure of the junction 15 southbound entry slip road. Despite a comprehensive communications campaign, a number of road users continued to rat-run through Ingatestone during the closure, making life very challenging along the B1002.

The programmed reopening date for the entry slip road was then delayed due to ongoing bad weather, but it was finally reopened on 1 February 2024, resulting in the B1002 becoming less congested during morning and evening peak travel times.

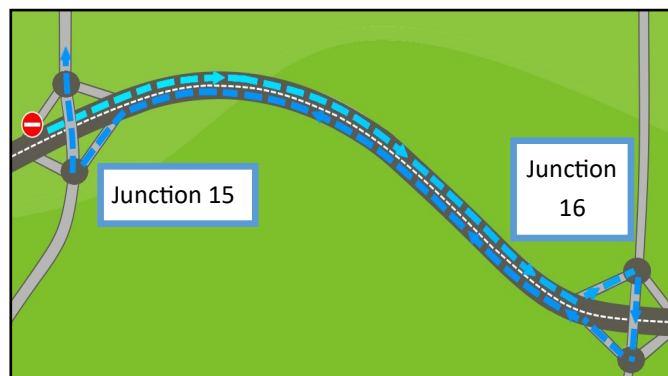
## **Phase 2 completion**

In mid-February, we completed the reconstruction of the southbound carriageway. This has allowed us to move our traffic management over, so we can start to reconstruct the northbound carriageway.

So far, we've reconstructed 11 miles of road on the southbound carriageway, which means a smoother road surface, less noise and improved safety for drivers.

Working to reconstruct the northbound carriageway means that it's not possible for road users to access either of the northbound junction 14 and 15 exit slip roads.

The diversion route takes approximately 7 minutes to complete, so we ask all road users to not rat-run, and to instead follow the diversion. Traffic wishing to use either the A12 Junction 14 or 15 northbound exit slip roads will be diverted to junction 16, before travelling back along the A12 so they can use the junction 15 southbound exit slip road.



*The A12 junction 15 northbound exit slip road diversion*

## A12 Northbound Weekend Closure

As part of our work to reconstruct the main A12 carriageway, Essex and Suffolk Water will need to divert two of their water mains. We plan to help them with this by installing part of the infrastructure required for the water mains diversion across the A12 near Margaretting.

To do this safely, we'll need a full closure of the northbound carriageway between junctions 12 (Brentwood) and 15 (Three Mile Hill/Webb's Farm Interchange), **from 9pm on Friday 5 April to 5am on Monday 8 April 2024.**

We're aware of the concerns that have been voiced by local residents in Ingatestone regarding some motorists using smaller, local roads during our closures. Not only do local roads have lower speed restrictions, they also aren't meant for large vehicles or high volumes of traffic, and they often have weight restrictions in place. It can also lead to more congestion, increasing the risk of accidents for both motorists and pedestrians. With this in mind, we ask drivers not to 'rat run' during the closure, as this can impact local communities.

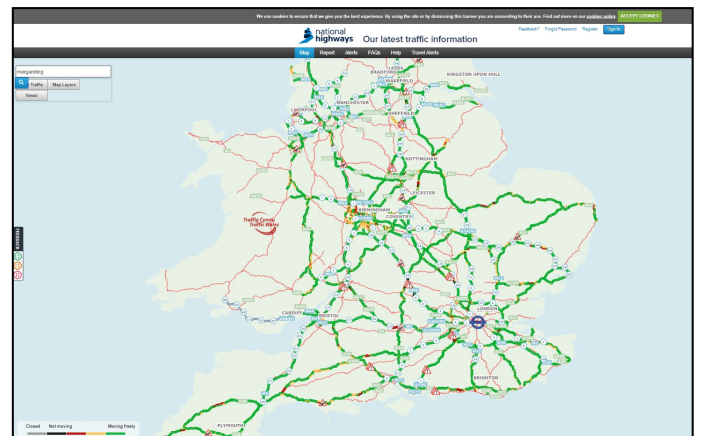
To help traffic flow and reduce any congestion through Ingatestone High Street, we'll be temporarily suspending the parking bays from Pine Drive to The Bell public house on High Street, Ingatestone during the weekend closure.

While the parking bays are suspended, the car park at the Ingatestone and Fryerning Community Association will be free to use, allowing shoppers to visit the local stores. We hope the provision of alternative free parking helps to reduce the inconvenience this may cause to the local community.

We expect the weekend closure to cause disruption along the A12 and on some local roads, so we encourage drivers to plan ahead and allow extra time when travelling. We're sorry for the inconvenience these closures may cause to your journey.

Please check Traffic England, to see what's happening on the motorways and major A-roads in England, before you travel:


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