

Welcome to the latest edition of the A14 junction 47a to junction 49 concrete road newsletter.

We've made excellent progress on rebuilding the road over the last month, removing over 8500 tons of material from the old road surface.



On Tuesday 20 June, we started building the new foundations using strengthened material on lane 2 of the road. Once this work is complete, we'll begin laying the first layer of asphalt surface, before moving to lane 1 to begin rebuilding that lane of the road.



Roadwork speed limit

We've installed advisory speed limits for vehicles with wide loads driving through the roadworks. These seem to be causing some confusion for other motorists.

1. The mandatory speed limit through the roadworks is 50mph.



2. The black and yellow signs at the start of the traffic management applies to wide load vehicle over 2.8m only.

These vehicles are advised to do a maximum speed of 30mph until J47a, where they are diverted off the A14.

Narrow lanes
Wide Loads over
2.8m (9.3) max
speed 30mph

The safety of road users is paramount to us, and we urge all drivers to observe and follow road signage as they are put in place for your safety.

Social Value

Staff from the A14 concrete roads project in Woolpit, Suffolk, recently took part in an enjoyable career's afternoon at Woolpit Primary Academy school.

The careers afternoon showcased potential career options available to 60 year-5 and year-6 pupils. The pupils came round in groups of three and were shown a presentation about Engineering and Safety in Construction, and how our contractors Sisk are currently rebuilding the A14 Haughley to Tothill stretch of road.

Our team are committed to working with the community they are working in, and we'll continue to support this school.

Grant McConochie, the John Sisk A14 J47-J49 Project Manager, said *'We recognise the importance of inspiring the potential future engineers of tomorrow at these events, and our staff thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with the pupils at Woolpit Primary School today. The children learnt about possible careers in the industry, why safety is so important and also about the work we're carrying out, to reconstruct the A14 between junction 47 and 49. We will continue working with the school throughout the scheme and look forward to our next visit.'*



Keeping traffic moving

We're aware that some drivers are either parking their vehicles alongside each other or straddling both lanes to prevent other drivers from using the next-door lane on the approach to the roadworks.

When traffic is queuing and moving slowly, drivers should use all available road space in both lanes, with drivers at the front of the queues taking it in turns to 'merge in turn' when the road narrows.



This can help reduce the overall length of the queue significantly and reduces the risk of disruption and tailbacks at junctions.

We apologise for the congestion caused and thank you for your patience while we complete our essential work.

Customer Survey

In our May Newsletter we invited you to take a few moments to complete our quick [customer survey](#) on the A14 junction 47a Haughley to junction 49 Tothill scheme.



If you have not already completed the survey, please do let us know your thoughts. Your comments help us to understand how, when and what information you want us to share with you.

Keep in touch

Did you know we have an SMS (Short Messaging Service) which issues text messages when there is an incident that will affect your journey on this stretch of the A14 during morning or evening peak-time travel?

If there is a break down or a collision in the roadworks, we'll quickly send a SMS message to you, so that you can plan your journey.

Sign up for this service by sending your mobile number to:

ConcreteRoadsEastA14@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Keep in touch

You can visit our webpage and sign up for updates about the scheme at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley

If you'd like more information about this work, then please call the 24/7 National Highways Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, email info@nationalhighways.co.uk