

M2 junction 5 improvements

Site diary – June 2023

June has been a busy month here on site, and we've seen excellent progress.

On 12 June, we hit a huge milestone for the scheme, the opening of our new Maidstone Road link. As soon as it opened, we saw this link from Maidstone Road to Oad Street, and from there, on to the A249 southbound, being used. It forms an important part of our finished scheme, as it will join to the Stockbury roundabout via the new Oad Street link – the road currently being used by southbound traffic leaving the roundabout. The link to Stockbury is set to be completed early summer 2024.



We've been changing the way traffic approaches and leaves the Stockbury roundabout, and earlier this month, traffic travelling southbound on the A249 towards the roundabout moved onto our new southbound slip. This change has allowed us to start work on the north side

of the new flyover, and you may have noticed our excavators removing the old A249 carriageway to make way for construction.

The last month has also seen progress on the south side of the new flyover. We've nearly finished the construction of the retaining walls, with almost 70 percent of the panels now in place. As the walls are built, our bulldozers, tippers, and excavators have been working simultaneously on backfilling them with earth to create a solid structure for the new road.

Piling work has been completed in preparation for the next support structure on the south side of the roundabout with construction due to start in July. Piling is a common construction technique that requires long vertical foundations to be drilled into the earth and filled with concrete for support.

If you travel on the A249, you may have also noticed a new road under construction to the west of the carriageway. This is the new northbound slip onto the A249 from the M2 coastbound, which we'll be opening soon.



Many of the team have also taken advantage of the recent warm weather, spending time in our wellbeing garden, harvesting the fresh crops from the vegetable beds and brightening up the site planters with drought tolerant plants.

You can find more information on our project website: nationalhighways.co.uk/M2-j5, by emailing the team on m2j5@nationalhighways.co.uk or calling our contact centre: 0300 123 5000, who will pass your details to the team.

We also run a monthly drop-in clinic on the second Wednesday of each month at Oad Street Food & Crafts centre, so come along and meet the team.