

## **M2 junction 5 improvements Site diary – November 2023**

November saw us open the new, larger Stockbury Roundabout. Built round the old one, we've been able to minimise disruption to traffic using the roundabout during its construction.

To allow us to safely carry out the final tasks of joining all the links to the new roundabout, painting road markings, moving traffic lights and laying road surface, we closed the Stockbury Roundabout for a weekend. During the closure, we kept the dedicated slip roads between the M2 and A249 open to help keep traffic moving.

The new roundabout allows traffic to use the northern side of the roundabout and access the recently constructed M2 London-bound on slip once again.



Work has also progressed well on the two bridges on either side of the roundabout. These bridges will take traffic over the roundabout and onto the new flyover and towards the end of the month, we started waterproofing the bridge decks as we continue to get them ready to carry traffic.

The final bespoke flint and cobble side panels have been fitted to the northern bridge. These panels have been designed to reflect the surrounding Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

You'll soon start to see the central flyover section taking shape as we get ready to connect the two bridges. Once complete, the flyover will provide free movement for anyone travelling on the A249, helping to improve journey times and safety.

You can find more information on our project website: nationalhighways.co.uk/M2-j5, by

emailing the team on <a href="m2j5@nationalhighways.co.uk">m2j5@nationalhighways.co.uk</a> 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.