

M2 junction 5 improvements Site diary – September 2023

September was another busy month here on the scheme. We opened new stretches of road, changed how traffic moves around the junction, poured tonnes of concrete, and laid miles of tarmac.

We know closures are disruptive and we try to keep them to a minimum. September saw us close the M2 London-bound on slip from the A249. We timed the closure to coordinate with maintenance work on the M2 to minimise disruption.



During the closure, we were able to remove the old road surface, improve and install new drainage under the slip, and lay the new surface. The weather was in our favour, and after the white lines had been painted, we were able to open the slip a week earlier than expected.

Traffic heading to London from Sittingbourne and Sheppey can now use the free-flowing dedicated slip road to the M2, without needing to use the Stockbury roundabout.

Following a weekend closure of the A249 northbound between the M20 and the M2, we also opened the dedicated slip between the M2 coastbound and A249 from Maidstone. Northbound traffic has now also returned to the west side of the new flyover structure to the south of the roundabout.

And with northbound traffic back on the west side of the new flyover, we've been able to start on the central reservation – you may have noticed we've been breaking up and removing the existing road. We're also getting this area ready for the construction of the new A249 links to the roundabout, and the creation of a large drainage pond.

Towards the end of the month, we laid, also known as poured, the concrete deck for the bridge on the southern side of the roundabout. This one of the layers that will make up the final road surface.

With the structure to the south nearly complete, we have started work on the northern side of the roundabout. To do this safely and efficiently, we have closed

the northern section of the Stockbury roundabout.



Work to remove the old road is progressing well, and we're getting ready for our first concrete pour, which will see the supports for the north side of the flyover start to take shape.

In the community

Ten volunteers recently spent the day at Dandelion Time – a children's charity based in Maidstone. The team helped with landscaping, gardening, and mucking out the donkeys. We were really proud to be able make a difference to such a worthy cause.



We're still on track, and we'd like to thank you for your on-going patience and understanding while we work to improve M2 junction 5 Stockbury Roundabout to provide a safer junction for everyone.

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.