

## M2 junction 5 improvements Site diary – year in review 2023

### Looking back at a busy year on the M2 junction 5

As we approach the end of 2023, let's take a moment to look back on the significant achievements reached across the scheme, as we work to provide a safer and more integrated network for everyone.



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### Opening of dedicated slip roads linking the coastbound M2 and A249

This year has seen us open new and improved dedicated slip roads between the A249 coming from Maidstone to the M2 coastbound, and from the M2 coastbound to the A249 heading towards Sheppey. This allows traffic on these routes to flow freely on and off the motorway without passing through the Stockbury Roundabout.

### Maidstone Road link

The new Maidstone Road link takes traffic to Oad Street, rather than directly onto the Stockbury Roundabout. Once the scheme is complete, traffic will be able to use the Stockbury Roundabout to safely access or leave Oad Street.



### Dedicated M2 London-bound slip road

The construction of a new dedicated slip road for traffic coming from the Sheppey and Sittingbourne direction to join the M2 London-bound has reduced delays by removing the need to join the roundabout.

### Stockbury flyover

In the autumn, concrete bridge beams were installed on high supports that have been built on both the south and north sides of the Stockbury Roundabout. These beams form the bases of the

ramps that will take traffic onto the new flyover being built over the Stockbury Roundabout.



The sides of these ramps are clad with specially designed flint and cobble panels, which you can already see being fitted, and reflect the surrounding Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

### **The new Stockbury Roundabout**

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

With the new roundabout open, you'll start to see the central flyover section taking shape as we get ready to connect the two bridges that have been built either side of the roundabout. Once complete, the flyover will provide free movement for anyone travelling on the A249, helping to improve journey times and safety.



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.

### **In the community**

We've also been busy supporting the local community, including tree planting in Hartlip, enhancing accessibility at Newington Parish Council, and offering tech assistance to small businesses in Stockbury. The teams dedicated to creating a lasting impact resulted in the project earning top marks Considerate Construction Scheme (CCS) – not once, but twice this year!

Find out more on our [dedicated webpage](#).

Project Manager Dan commented:

“We've achieved several key milestones this year, including the opening of three new dedicated slip roads and the realignment of the roundabout. The team have worked incredibly hard to keep the scheme on schedule, reduce disruption for drivers and the community, while always maintaining the highest level of safety. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we work to upgrade the junction.

“I'm excited for 2024 and we're currently on track to deliver this project on time, bringing benefits to the thousands of drivers that use the junction daily.”

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You can find more information on our project website:

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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.