

M56

junctions 6 to 8 motorway upgrade

Newsletter

Winter 2021

Welcome to the fourth edition of M56 junctions 6 to 8 newsletter. Since our last issue, we have finished our construction work on the eastbound carriageway.

In October we had a series of overnight slip road, lane and full carriageway closures to move the traffic management onto the westbound carriageway safely.

During these closures we took the opportunity to make some improvements based on recent feedback from our customers. This included:

- refreshing the narrow lane markings on both carriageways
- installing additional reflective studs on the narrow lanes and the contraflow barrier
- installing new lane markings for temporary traffic management layout, allowing motorists enough time to access the right lane or the contraflow
- adding more digital information signs throughout the project

M6 junction 19

The two new link roads across the roundabout at junction 19 of the M6 were opened to traffic in mid-November. We also switched on the new traffic signals in Tabley, opening the new designated crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.



Aerial view of contraflow in operation.

What's next

Now that our traffic management has been switched over, we've started work to remove vegetation and soil from the westbound verge.

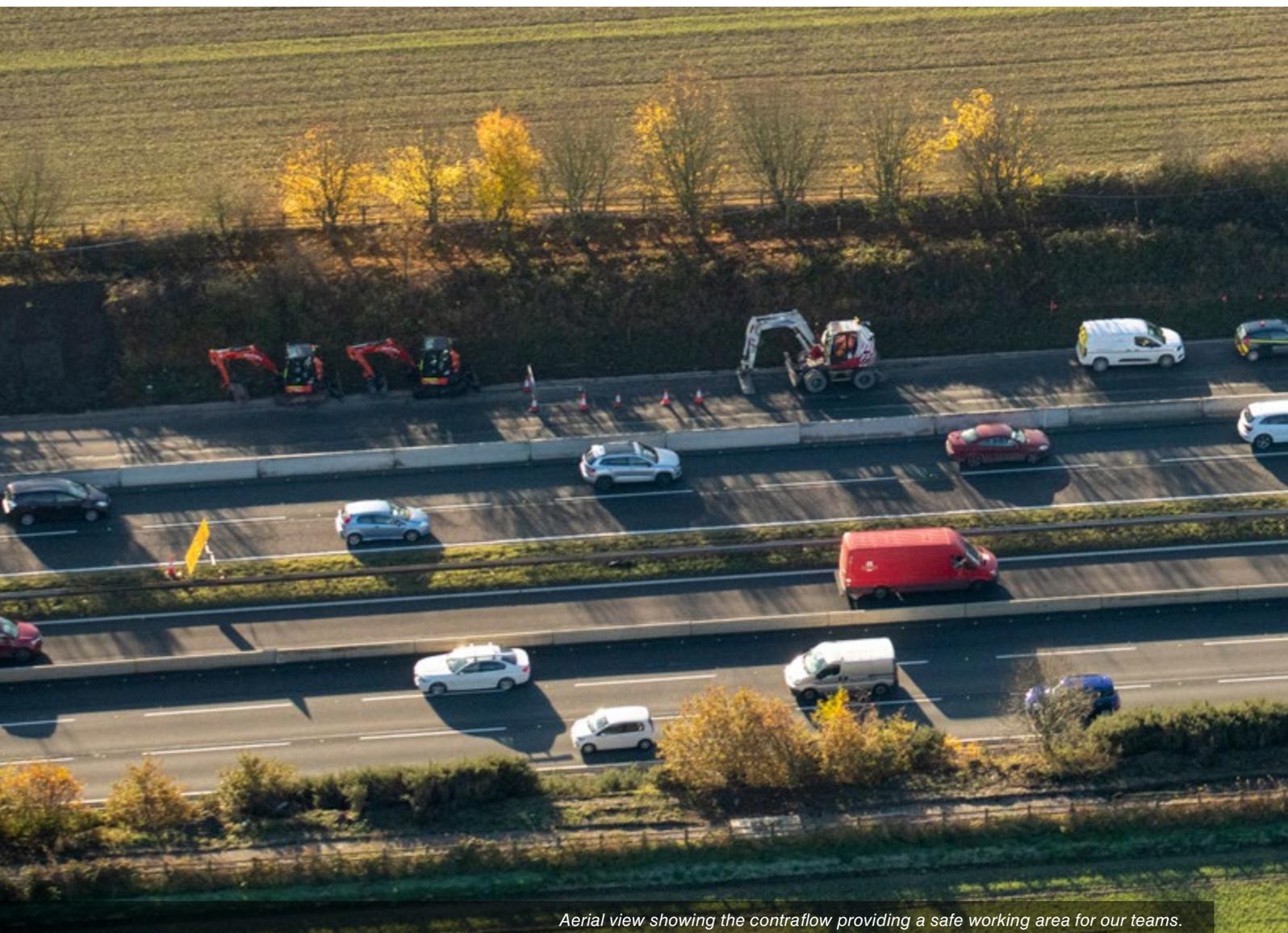
Over the coming months, we plan to carry out piling work ahead of constructing the emergency areas, as well as constructing the bases for the new overhead structures and road signage.

Other work will include:

- installing the new ducting, cabinets and cables for the technology
- removing and replacing sections of safety barrier
- carrying out drainage surveys
- installing new kerbs
- building maintenance access paths to the new technology sites

To sign up for updates on our planned work, please visit our project webpage, and click on 'sign up'. As we approach Christmas, we'll be finishing off as much work as possible. Our work sites will close from Thursday 23 December, before returning on Tuesday 4 January 2022. During this period, the speed restrictions, narrow lanes and temporary barriers will remain in place for your safety. All three lanes will be open at all times. CCTV and free recovery will be in place to ensure the safety of motorists travelling through the area.

If you have any enquiries during this period, please contact our 24-hour Customer Contact Centre on **0300 123 5000**. Or you can email at info@highwaysengland.co.uk. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you enjoy spending time with your loved ones.



Aerial view showing the contraflow providing a safe working area for our teams.

Meet the team



Kirstie Golightly

Galliford Try, Corporate Social Responsibility Manager

Kirstie has extensive experience of working on major engineering projects throughout the UK. She joined the M56 project in

July 2019, and as part of her role, Kirstie manages proactive and collaborative communications with various stakeholders.

Kirstie says, *“Good communication and the right engagement is essential when building a project like the M56. Due to the location, we have regular interactions with lots of different stakeholders. From local communities to major transport generators, it’s key to ensure that we are engaging with our stakeholders in a way that works for them. It’s not a*

one glove fits all approach as different stakeholders have different needs.”

On the third Wednesday of each month, Kirstie holds a virtual stakeholder forum for local and surrounding communities and stakeholders. Giving you the opportunity to discuss any queries that you may have in relation to our work. If you’d like to get involved, please contact Kirstie. Contact details are provided at the back of this newsletter.

Virtual careers events

Throughout September and October, in collaboration with the Pledge Partnership, we attended seven virtual career expos for year 9 – 13 students across Cheshire and Warrington. The expos gave 12,747 young people the chance to hear from employers across Cheshire and Warrington and discuss the different study/career options available to them.

Children’s Adventure Farm Trust

Over the past year, the project has been working with the Children’s Adventure Farm Trust. They approached the project to assist with installing an eco-loo in their grounds. We agreed to get involved and will also supply tools, materials and labour to assist the trust in the new year.

Reverse advent calendar for the homeless

This year we’re holding a reverse advent calendar and donating to the Salvation Army, who will give food, clothing and essential items to local homeless and families in need this Christmas. We’re also helping with their Toy Appeal by giving toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present.



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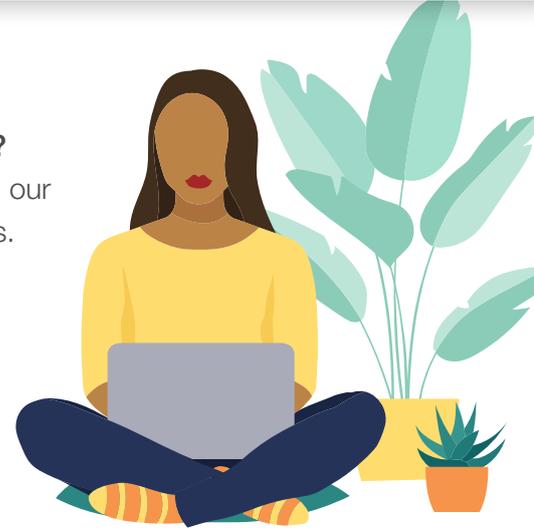
Share your experiences with us

Have you recently driven through our roadworks, or do you live nearby?

We want to hear about your experiences of driving through, or living close to, our work site. Head to our webpage and click on the map to add your comments.

The tool allows you to select a specific location to make a comment or leave more general feedback.

We've already used feedback received from our customers to identify areas where we can improve how we deliver this project. If you need a response from the project team, please contact us using the details below.



Contact us

If you'd like any more information about the project, please visit our project webpage nationalhighways.co.uk/M56-J6-8

If you have any questions, or if you'd like to be added to our traffic management distribution list, please contact us on the details below.

Email: M56Junctions6-8@Gallifordtry.co.uk

Phone: **0300 123 5000** (Customer Contact Centre)

Post: **M56 junctions 6 to 8 Project Team,
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Birmingham, B4 6BN**

If you have any concerns about the work taking place or how this is affecting you, please contact Kirstie Golightly by email or by phone:

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Phone: **07843 977 820**

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