



Dear Customer,

February 2020

A45 Chowns Mill Roundabout Improvements - Bulletin 3

We've started work to transform the A45 / A6 Chowns Mill junction. Once complete, the work will ease congestion around the roundabout and improve safety.

1. Weekend closure: 8pm Friday 28 February to 6am Monday 2 March

Last weekend's closure was very successful, and we opened the A45 earlier than planned (Sunday evening).

This weekend's A45 closure between Chowns Mill and Rushden Lakes will take place from **8pm Friday 28 February to 6am Monday 2 March**.

A signed diversion route will be in place, directing motorists to use the A45 (Wilby Way), A509, A14.

We need to close both directions of the A45 for safety reasons and we'll be using all the space to deliver the ducts and repair the carriageways as quickly as possible.

2. Night time narrow lanes:

On Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 March, there will be night time narrow lane running in place around the roundabout from 8pm to 6am.

3. Night time road closures:

On Wednesday 4, Thursday 5 and Friday 6 March there will be night time closures of the west half of Chowns Mill roundabout from 8pm to 6am, including:

- Full closure of the A45 from Chowns Mill to Rushden Lakes
- Full closure of the A45 from Rushden Lakes to Chowns Mill
- Full closure of the A6 Northbound from Kimbolton Road Rushden to Chowns Mill
- Full Closure of the A6 Northbound from Chowns Mill to Irthlingborough

Motorists will be able to use the A6 southbound (from Irthlingborough to Chowns Mill) and travel on the A45 eastbound towards Stanwick or continue South towards Rushden / Bedford.

SMS Text Service

We've set up an SMS text alert system that sends regular scheme closure information. To sign up for this service, please text **A45CM** to **07537 439499**.



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4. Station Road (A5028) Higham Ferrers closure

On the evening of **2 March 2020**, we will close Station Road, Higham Ferrers for nine months. This is so we can lower Station Road to join the new junction design road layout.

We advise local drivers to use the A6 (South) Kimbolton Road roundabout as the alternative route.

Although necessary, we recognise that any work we carry out will invariably cause some disruption. We have an ongoing plan to manage and monitor the local traffic situation. This includes carrying out:

- a dilapidation survey on Kimbolton Road before and after the closure of the A5028
- traffic counts on Kimbolton Road before and after the closure of the A5028
- noise monitoring before and after the closure of the A5028.

We're taking several measures to help minimise disruption, these include:

- Using advanced strategic signs across the network to encourage non-local road users to use the A45 / A6 rather than local roads and villages.
- Limiting the number of full road closures and completing as much of the work using narrow lanes, to reduce the need for other road closures and diversions.
- Working on the A5028 Station Road during the day.

We have and will advise all motorists to use the signed diversion route as we have carefully chosen this with suitability and safety in mind. Motorists may well use more convenient alternative routes suitable for their specific circumstances and type of vehicle. We will keep continue to review the local traffic situation.

Why can't I see anyone working in the day?

During the first three months of the scheme, we will be working nights (8pm to 6am) to reduce the size of the existing roundabout and remove the A45 dual carriageways splitter islands and complete other enabling works. Once this work is complete, we will be able to install traffic barriers (narrow traffic lanes), which will allow us to complete most of our works safely, during the day.



Aerial view of ongoing work to reduce the existing size of the island.

Footpath Closure around Chowns Mill - Shuttle Bus Service

Please see the attached information leaflet.

Link to Stagecoach X46 / X47 Bus Timetable / Service

<https://tison-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/Midlands/Northampton%20Timetables/23rd%20February%202020/NX46%20TT%20BRAND%202020%20WEB.pdf>

Once Station Road is closed, the temporary bus stop will be located on Station Road, opposite Hecham Way some 40 mtr north of the existing bus shelter, we will soon be installing a footpath from the shelter to the new bus stop. Customers will be able to continue to use the shelter and walk on the new footpath to the stop when the bus arrives.

The reason why we can't use the existing shelter as a bus stop is that there is no alternative turn around point on Station Road, other than Hecham Way.

Contact us

For information about the scheme, please visit:

www.highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a45a6-chowns-mill-roundabout-improvement/.

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