

M27 Junction 4 -11 Motorway Programme

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M27 Junctions 4 to 11 – Update

Sheet Piling update

We're currently undertaking targeted works around the M27 to accommodate the installation of new permanent structures such as gantries and emergency areas. This activity will involve a piling rig inserting interlocking sheets into soil at depth to create a stable wall in the verge - this is known as 'Sheet Piling'.

Although the bulk of the sheet piling programme will be undertaken during the day, there are some locations where it will need to be undertaken over one or two nights, for safety reasons. These works will regrettably be noisy, and we will write to local residents to apologise in advance for any disturbance caused. Where possible, we'll mitigate the disruption to nearby residents by pre-augering in advance of the piling activity. The pre-augering activity will loosen the soil, which will in turn make the piling activity more efficient, and therefore help to reduce the disturbance.

Any overnight work will take place between 9.00pm and 6.00am the following day, as in some cases we will need to close one lane of the M27 carriageway, which we can only do when the traffic counts are low. Once the lane is closed, we'll then be able to safely set-up the piling rigs, before striving to get as much done as possible during the time available before the carriageway re-opens the next morning.

Gantry preparation works

We'll be undertaking some targeted works around the M27 to the west of the Hamble Bridge between junction 8 and junction 9 to accommodate the future installation of a new gantry.

These targeted works will involve the loosening of the soil to ensure ease of installation for the new permanent structure, this is known as pre-augering. Following the completion of pre-augering activities we will need to return to this location to undertake further preparatory activities, although the dates for this are yet to be confirmed. But we'll be sure to inform all local residents of these plans in the near future.

We have written to residents in advance to advise that they may experience noise disturbance during these works, and that we apologise for this in advance. Where possible, we will mitigate the disturbance to nearby residents as much as possible.

Pre-augering will take place overnight between the hours of 9.00pm and 6.00am the following morning, from 12 October 2020 and until 16 October 2020.

All dates may be subject to change due to operational requirements or adverse weather conditions. Please continue to plan your journeys in advance by using our Traffic England website: www.trafficengland.com or by following our Twitter feed: @HighwaysSEAST.

How you can contact us

If you have any queries about our work or want to know more, please email

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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