

e-Bulletin – November 2023

A14 Haughley to Tothill Concrete Roads Reconstruction Scheme

I'm writing to let you know about emergency overnight work starting tonight on the A14 junction 47a Haughley to 49 Tothill reconstruction scheme.

Last week we wrote to you to let you know we were carrying out emergency repairs to both lanes in the contraflow after potholes appeared in the road surface. Whilst both lanes on the eastbound carriageway have been fully reconstructed, the running surface is currently a temporary one. Once the westbound reconstruction is completed, we'll return to the eastbound in summer 2024 to apply the finished surface layer.

We're currently completing our investigation into why these potholes appeared in the temporary surfacing shortly after the eastbound carriageway was opened. Initial findings show the stone had separated from the surfacing material, which can sometimes occur between transportation and laying of the surface material.

We'll shortly be carrying out repairs on the eastbound and westbound lanes in the contraflow between junction 47a to junction 49. Due to the location of the road defects we'll need to move the westbound traffic back to lane 1 on the westbound carriageway to complete permanent repairs.

From 6am on Tuesday 7 November, there will be a single lane open on each carriageway until the repairs are carried out. The traffic will be switched back to the eastbound contraflow system by 6am on Saturday 11 November and will remain in place for the duration of the scheme.

To carry out these repairs safely, we'll need to close the A14 overnight between junctions 43 and 51 to through traffic from 8pm to 6am on each of the following nights:

- **Westbound** – Friday 3 November and Monday 6 November
- **Eastbound** – Tuesday 7 November, Wednesday 8 November and Thursday 9 November
- **Westbound** – Friday 10 November

There will also be some flooding mitigation work taking place on the A14 at junction 51. To reduce the impact on the local area, the work will be carried out in two phases as follows:

- **Phase 1 – junction 51 westbound entry slip road closures** - Monday 6 to Friday 10 November (5 nights) between 8pm and 6am.
- **Phase 2 – junction 51 westbound entry slip road closures** - Friday 27 November to Friday 15 December (15 nights) between 8pm and 6am.

A fully signed local diversion route will be in place and local traffic will still be able to access the A14 westbound at junction 47 and the A14 eastbound at junction 49.

Please note that these are provisional dates and may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. We'll keep you updated of any significant changes.

We'd like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption you may experience during this essential work.

Please visit our scheme website for the latest information before you travel:
www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley.

Road users can also keep up to date on road closures by visiting our Traffic England website at www.trafficengland.com or by following our Twitter feed [@HighwaysEAST](https://twitter.com/HighwaysEAST).

If you'd like more information about this work, you can contact us by calling our 24/7 Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, or by emailing info@nationalhighways.co.uk. Alternatively, please visit our website at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley.

Yours faithfully

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