

A12 junction 25 Marks Tey to junction 26 Stanway Reconstruction Scheme

e-Bulletin – March 2024

Upcoming planned closures and traffic management changes

We're writing to update you about our next phase of work to the A12 between junction 25 Marks Tey and junction 26 Stanway. We want to make you aware that there will be some planned overnight closures and changes to the road layout in the coming weeks, while we prepare to reconstruct the remaining lane of the southbound carriageway and entry slip road at junction 26.

What have we done so far?

Following our work on the northbound carriageway, our recent work has been focused on reconstructing the old concrete road surface within the southbound section. This has included, excavating lanes 2 and 3 of the southbound carriageway, starting at junction 26 and making our way south towards junction 25.

We have recycled the old concrete road surface, by reusing the material, along with cement, to form the new foundations we're installing. Alongside this, we've also installed new kerbs, drainage and surfacing.

Once we have reconstructed the southbound carriageway, we'll then begin laying the final asphalt surface to both the northbound and southbound carriageways. We apply the final surface at this stage to ensure it isn't damaged during the construction phase. This also maximises the life of the road surface and ensures a better quality of finish.

Once complete, this important work will extend the life of the road for another 40-50 years, improve safety, and create a smoother, quieter journey for road users.

What is happening next?

To progress to our next phase of the project, we'll be undertaking a series of overnight closures on the A12 southbound between J26 and J25 while we make changes to our traffic management. These changes mark a significant milestone in the project, and will allow us to reconstruct the remaining lane of the carriageway as we work hard towards completion of the project in summer 2024.

Once the traffic management has been switched, we will then commence work to upgrade the slip roads, starting with a temporary full closure of the southbound entry slip road at junction 26. This will be closed from 20 April for approximately four weeks, allowing us to work safely in this area.

When is this work happening?

The A12 will be closed southbound overnight between junction 26 Stanway and junction 25 Marks Tey from **8pm** until **6am** each night on the dates listed in the table below.

Dates of closure	Closure details	Diversion Route
Monday 12 April - Friday 19 April 2024	Full closure of the A12 southbound carriageway between J26 Stanway and J25 Marks Tey	Traffic will exit at J26 Stanway and travel long the A1124, London Road and re-join the A12 at J25 Marks Tey entry slip road
Sunday 21 April - Friday 26 April 2024	Full closure of the A12 southbound carriageway between J26 Stanway and J25 Marks Tey	Traffic will exit at J26 Stanway and travel long the A1124, London Road and re-join the A12 at J25 Marks Tey entry slip road
Saturday 20 April - Saturday 17 May 2024	Full closure of the A12 southbound entry slip at J26 Stanway	Traffic will join the A12 northbound at J26 Stanway and travel to J27, and re-join the A12 southbound at J27 entry slip road

During these closures, a clearly signed diversion route will be in place. Please visit our website to view the interactive diversion route map: www.nationalhighways.co.uk/MarksTeytoStanway. Alternatively, the diversion route can be viewed on the map at the end of this letter.

Please note, our dates are weather dependent and subject to change if we're unable to work in poor conditions.

Whilst we understand closures can be disruptive, we will be looking to make these changes as quickly as possible and with the least possible disruption. However, during this period, please allow more time for your journey when travelling in the area.

We'd like to thank all customers and local residents for their patience whilst we carry out this important work.

Upcoming works

Due to some of our work around Junction 25 falling outside of our current safe working area, there will be periods of time when we need to extend this work area to carry out certain activities safely. This work is currently being planned over a number of weekends, 9 planned to date, to mitigate the impact on the travelling public and local

road network. These will not run every weekend. We will stagger them, starting at the end of April through to the summer. More details will follow in future e-bulletins.

We will also need to undertake our final slip road upgrade to the southbound exit slip road at Junction 25. This work will commence in the summer, after the junction 26 entry slip road works, and will be carefully sequenced around any other weekend works to mitigate the impact on the road network.

During full closures, traffic will be diverted along routes that are agreed with Essex County Council as being suitable for the volume and type of traffic.

Full details of this next stage of work will be provided in the coming weeks, following completion of our overnight closures.

Rat running

We're aware of the concerns that have been voiced by local residents regarding some motorists using smaller, local roads during our closures. Not only do local roads have lower speed restrictions, they also aren't meant for large vehicles or high volumes of traffic, and they often have weight restrictions in place. It can also lead to more congestion, increasing the risk of accidents for both motorists and pedestrians. With this in mind, we ask drivers not to 'rat run' during the closure, as this can impact local communities.

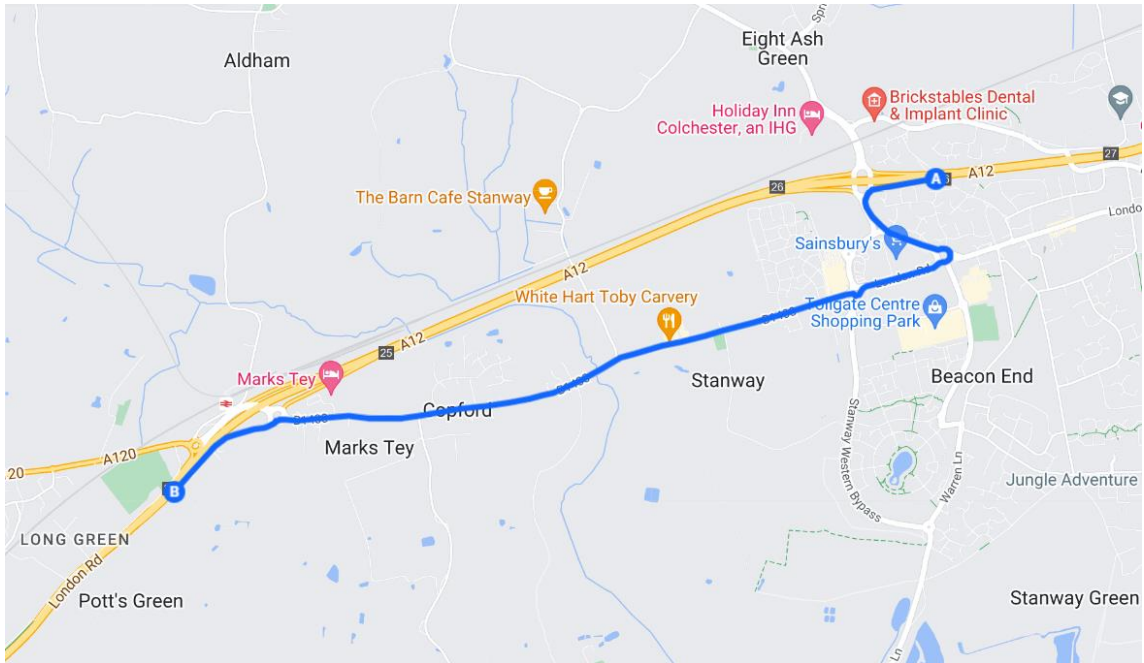
Keep in touch

If you have any questions 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 to learn more about this project: www.nationalhighways.co.uk/MarksTeytoStanway.

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

Yours faithfully

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Diversion map for overnight closures between J26 Stanway and J25 Marks Tey

Litter kills 3 million animals a year*

Discarded roadside rubbish and food lure wildlife to their death.

 **Lend a paw**
Bin your litter

* Estimate based on Keep Britain Tidy, Journal of Litter and Environmental Quality



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