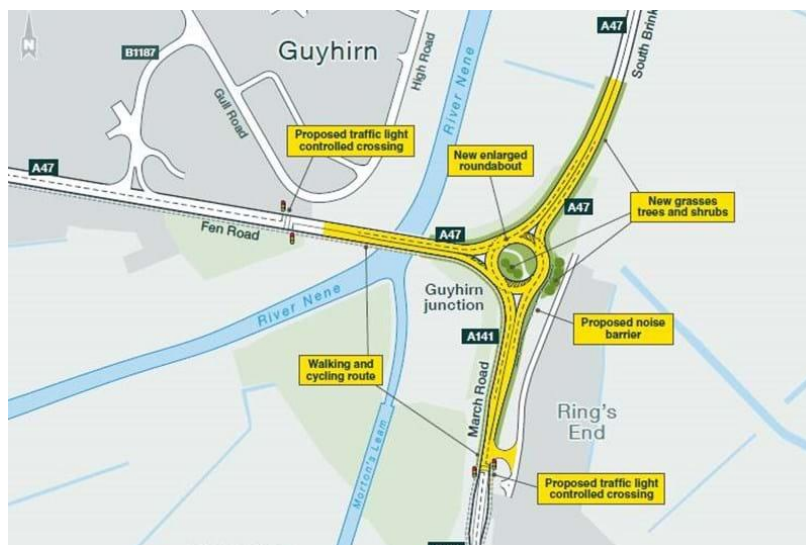


A47 Guyhirn upgrade

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Progress on our A47 upgrade

Work continues at pace to deliver the upgraded A47 junction with the A141 at Guyhirn. Once complete, the enlarged roundabout will make the roundabout safer, improve journey times, and reduce congestion.



What's next

The next stage of work on the upgrade includes improving drainage, vegetation trimming and planting, laying a new road surface, and checking on the condition of the existing road surface.

- There are three-way traffic lights in place at the roundabout overnight, from 8pm to 6am, until Sunday 3 October (a two-day extensions to what was detailed in last week's bulletin)
- From Thursday 7 to Wednesday 13 October the A47 Fen Road will be closed between Guyhirn and Thorney overnight, from 8pm to 6am, excluding the weekend. Eastbound traffic will exit the Whitepost roundabout onto the

A1139, then continue onto A605 Fletton Interchange, take the slip road onto the A605 through Whittlesey and Coates to the A141, and take that to re-join the A47 at Guyhirn. Westbound traffic will follow this diversion in reverse.

- From Thursday 14 to Wednesday 20 October and from Thursday 21 to Monday 25 the A47 South Brink will be closed between Guyhirn and the A1101 Wisbech Roundabout overnight, from 8pm to 6am, excluding the weekend. Eastbound traffic will exit from Guyhirn onto the A141 towards Chatteris, take the A142 towards Ely, then the A10 towards Ely, then continued on the A10 towards King's Lynn, and then continue on the A10 to ultimately re-join the A47 at Hardwick Roundabout. Westbound traffic will take the A1101 to Outwell, then the A1122 to the A10 at Downham Market, then the A10 towards Ely, the A142 to Chatteris, the A141 in Chatteris, and then re-join the A47 at Guyhirn.

Additional road surface inspection work is taking place nearby:

- From Monday 4 to Thursday 7 October the A47 will be closed between the A101 Wisbech Roundabout and the Pullover Roundabout overnight, from 8pm to 6am. Eastbound traffic will take the A1101 Sutton Road through Wisbech to the A17, then the A17 through Sutton Bridge to re-join the A47 at Pullover. Westbound traffic will take the A10 to the A1122 and A10 Roundabout, then the A1122 to Outwell, and then the A1101 to re-join the A47 at Wisbech.

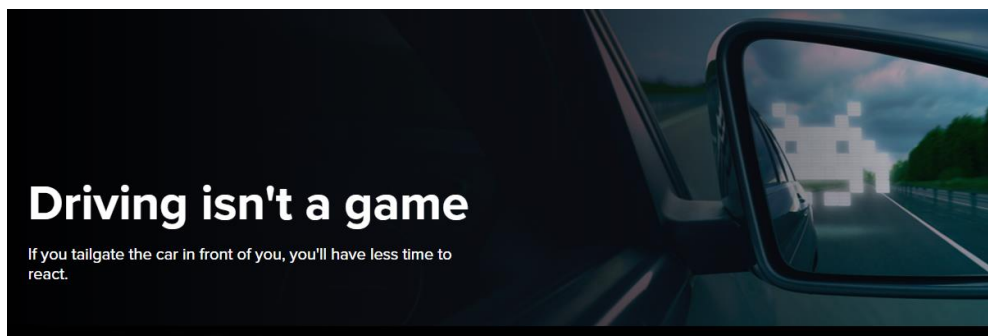
While we will look to minimise any disruption and noise from our works, there may be some unavoidable noise such as reversing beepers on vehicles.

Don't be a Space Invader

Driving isn't a game. Tailgating causes accidents – and you don't get an extra life in the real world. In fact, tailgating is the biggest single bugbear that drivers have about other motorway users. Nearly 9 out of 10 (87%) drivers say they've experienced or witnessed it. Tailgating is a factor in 1 in 8 casualties on the strategic road network.

Raising awareness of the dangers of tailgating is the focus on National Highways' latest campaign, and you can get full details here:

www.highwaysengland.co.uk/road-safety/stay-safe-stay-back/



Engaging young people in engineering

Six students from West Anglia College experienced life on a major building project when they visited the Guyhirn upgrade recently as part of the project's engagement with young people in the area.

The Wisbech college learners visited the site as part of a four-week course they were doing in conjunction with Job Centre Plus to help them prepare for a career in construction.



Project manager Tim Walker said: "It's really important that we support new people into our industry, and it was great to see the enthusiasm of these students in wanting to start their construction career."

The visit built on earlier engagement work including a presentation to 16 students at Harlow College.

Speed camera improves safety



A safety camera has improved road safety by reducing the number of speeding drivers through roadworks by 20 per cent.

Speeding and dangerous drivers had been a problem raised by the workforce at Guyhirn, and so a SafetyCam van was hired to make the site safer and ensure speeders were prosecuted.

Over a week, the number of drivers breaking the 30mph limit fell from 18 per cent to two per cent, while the number of reckless drivers going more than 40mph fell from four per cent to almost zero.

While the camera was deployed, no drivers jumped red lights either, ensuring the workforce was protected.

Upgrade gets top marks

The roadworks at Guyhirn achieved a near-perfect score on the first attempt of applying to be a Considerate Constructors' Scheme.

“Excellent environmental procedures” and health and safety being at “an exceptionally high level” were among the reasons given for the impressive score of 44 out of 50, including top marks for appearance, community, safety and workforce as the team lead the way in delivering a successful project.

Separately, August saw the work ranked as top of National Highways' 21 schemes for Customer Experience in August. The scheme has had 18 audits so far, and received a 98% score with 100% perception score.

Achievements include 100% of drivers saying the road surface was smooth, compared to 35% on other schemes, with maximum marks for the roadworks not delaying journeys (58% elsewhere), appearing reasonable (71% elsewhere), adequate lane widths (53% elsewhere), minimised impact of roadworks (74% elsewhere), and the work being well managed (83% elsewhere).

Other high marks included notifications of the roadworks, well defined lanes, explanation of the roadworks, understanding what work was being done at the time, unobstructed signs, and roadworks timescales.



Keep in touch

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us using the following options:

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