

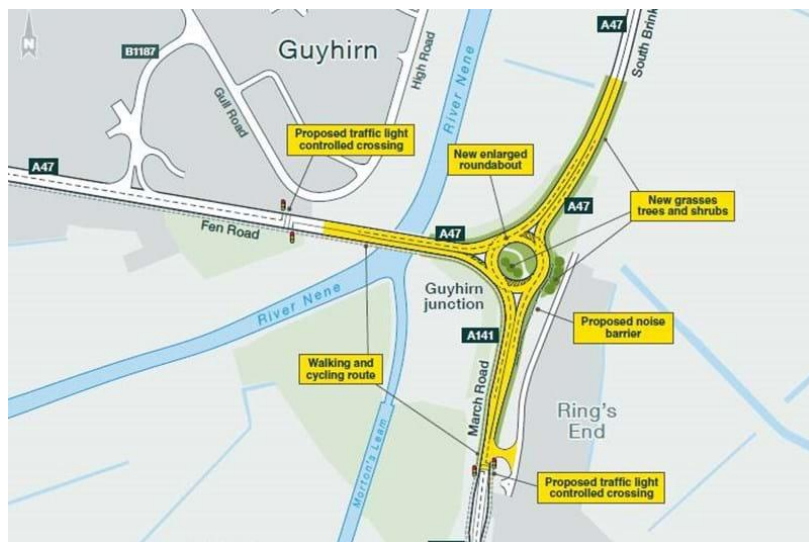
# A47 Guyhirn upgrade

## Monthly newsletter

### November 2021

### Progress on our A47 upgrade

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



### What's next

The next stage of work on the upgrade includes improving drainage, plus vegetation trimming and planting. Recent changes to the temporary roundabout are reducing congestion by improving traffic flows.

### Traffic lights

There will not be any road closures, but there will be three-way traffic lights in place at the Guyhirn junction throughout November.

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.

### **Staff help to inspire the next generation**

Staff from across the A47 upgrade will play their part in inspiring the next generation of engineers into construction with 19 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) engagement events held throughout the rest of the school year for the Guyhirn project.

Events will include workshops, interviews, talks, and careers fairs as young people who are living around and are impacted by the project have the chance to learn about the sector and the exciting opportunities for their careers going forward.

Site visits have also been held to help show young people the world of engineering and get them feeling enthusiastic about career opportunities.

Helen Nurrish, Skills and Employment Lead for the A47, said: “It’s important for people to realise just how many different roles there are in engineering, with so many roles in place to support our frontline staff.”



*Caption: a recent visit by students from West Anglia College to the Guyhirn site*

### **Guyhirn scores top marks for customer experience**

Work to improve the roundabout at Guyhirn was ranked as top of National Highways' 21 schemes across the country for Customer Experience recently.

The scheme has had 18 audits so far, receiving a 98% score with 100% perception score in August.

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.

Driver feedback included: "All the signage at the roadworks and on approach was clear and clean I felt it was helpful to know what was happening and how long for so appreciated the information given There was good notification of the roadworks and the speed restrictions were good to maintain the flow of traffic without any hindrance."

Project manager Tim Walker said: "Our hard work is starting to pay dividends with audit reports like this which are very highly regarded within National Highways. The customer experience is one of their key focuses as a an organisation and for Guyhirn to come top out of all 21 National Highways schemes is a tremendous result."



*Caption: work taking place to upgrade the Guyhirn junction of the A47*

### **Work near our upgrade**

National Highways has recently completed essential survey work to assess the condition of the road on the A47 between Thorney and Wisbech.

Full information on maintenance work in the area can be found on [National Highways East region webpages](#).

### **Keep in touch**

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

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