

# National Highways

## A14 Junction 47a - 49

### Stakeholder newsletter

Welcome to the May edition of the A14 junction 47a to junction 49 concrete road scheme newsletter.

### What we've done so far...

Since our last update, we've continued to make great progress with reconstruction of the westbound carriageway.

We have now completed over 80% of tasks required to reconstruct both the eastbound and westbound carriageways.

The rebuilt eastbound section currently has a temporary road surface until final resurfacing is completed at the end of the project. We apply the final road surface at the last stage to ensure it isn't damaged during the construction work.

This also maximises the life of the road surface and ensures a better quality of finish. In the meantime, you might experience some unevenness or bumps on the temporary surface.

We thank all customers and local residents for their patience while we carry out this important work.



Above: New safety barrier installation on the westbound carriageway



New asphalt surface being applied on the westbound carriageway

### What's next?

In the coming weeks, we will be completing installation of the safety barrier, refurbishment of the filter drains, asphalt surfacing and road markings on the westbound carriageway. We are also planning some overnight weekend road closures, which will allow us to complete final resurfacing, line marking and finishing works, and begin removal of traffic cones and barriers as we prepare for completion in the summer.

In the meantime, the carriageway is still reduced to one lane in both directions, and the speed limit remains at 50mph to ensure the safety of our workers and other road users.



Above: westbound carriageway base foundation layer work completed this month.

## Upcoming overnight road closures

Our priority is to always keep traffic moving safely along the A14. While we will always try to work as much as possible during the day or night within our safe working areas, activities such as resurfacing can only be done when the road is closed.

This is to ensure the safety of both the travelling public and our workforce. We plan for these closures to be overnight, when traffic levels are lowest.

For safety reasons, we need overnight road closures to complete final tasks and final resurfacing on the following dates:

<b>A14 Westbound carriageway closures</b>	<b>A14 Eastbound carriageway closures</b>
Between 8pm to 6am	Between 8pm to 6am
<b>Sunday 2 June</b>	<b>Friday 7 June</b>
<b>Saturday 8 June</b>	<b>Monday 10 - Saturday 15 June</b>
<b>Sunday 23 June</b>	<b>Monday 17 - Saturday 22 June</b>
<b>Friday 28 June</b>	<b>Monday 24 June - Thursday 27 June</b>
Saturday 29 June (contingency date – may not be required)	Saturday 29 June (contingency date – may not be required)

The dates above are subject to factors including weather and work progress.

For updates on our work and to see our interactive diversion maps, visit:

[www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley)

## A14 junctions 43 (Bury St Edmunds) to 47a (Woolpit) resurfacing scheme

We have also collaborated with the Junction 43-47a resurfacing project so that we're both working during the same road closure dates, to reduce the impact on those travelling in the area.

We are also currently carrying out resurfacing work and refreshing road markings on the A14 between junctions 43 (Bury St Edmunds) and 47a (Woolpit). Work is being carried out between 8pm and 6am on weeknights only, weather permitting.

For more information about the J43-47a resurfacing scheme, you can visit our dedicated scheme webpage:

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/east/a14-junction-43-bury-st-edmunds-to-47a-woolpit-resurfacing/>

## Traffic control

We're continuing to work closely with Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Police to consider further actions that can be introduced to prevent rat running through local villages.

We're aware of concerns raised by local residents that some motorists using small local roads to avoid the A14.

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 mean more congestion, increasing the risk of accidents for both motorists and pedestrians. With this in mind, we ask drivers not to 'rat run', as this can impact local communities.

Temporary reduced speed limits remain in place on a number of local roads, which are enforceable by Suffolk Police.

All temporary speed limit reductions will be removed once the A14 junction 47a to junction 49 reconstruction project is completed in summer 2024.

Please report any damage to verges directly to Suffolk County Council on 0345 606 6171 or using their online [Highways reporting tool](#).



## Width restrictions

While our contraflow remains in place, vehicles with an overall width exceeding 3.5m will be unable to travel through the roadworks.

Any loads wider than 3m must give advance notification to Suffolk County Council and receive consent. See: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/apply-to-move-abnormal-loads](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/apply-to-move-abnormal-loads)

## Text message alerts service

We've set up a free text message service to keep drivers informed, via text message, about incidents that occur within our roadworks.

Sign up for this service by sending your mobile number to: [ConcreteRoadsEastA14@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:ConcreteRoadsEastA14@nationalhighways.co.uk)

Please reference the 'A14 junction 47a Haughley to junction 49 Tothill SMS service' in the subject of your email.

You can opt out at any time by contacting us at the same email address.

## Tell us what you think

We'd like to hear what you think about the information we send to you. Please spend a few minutes completing our online questionnaire by visiting:

<https://forms.office.com/e/TC4RYq9bJk>



## Keep in touch

You can visit our webpage and sign up for updates about the scheme at [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley)

If you'd like more information about this work, then please call the 24/7 National Highways Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, email [info@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:info@nationalhighways.co.uk)

