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A5 Old Stratford Roundabout Improvements

NEWSLETTER #04

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PROJECT TIMING UPDATE

We are now entering into the final stages of the roundabout improvement works. Despite a number of operational challenges, the project team have recovered progress and are well on track for the works to be completed by the original project end date of July 2018.

There are some planned weekend closure and night time closures remaining (detailed below) The project team have worked hard to keep these disruptions to a minimum and apologise for the inconvenience caused but also thank you for your patience and understanding.

WORKS UPDATE:

You will see the new lighting columns appear in the next few weeks as well as new traffic light posts. You will already notice the new extended footpath from Old Stratford village to the A5 North, though the pedestrian railings are yet to be installed.

The new A508 South lane is all but complete and most of the resurfacing works are complete on the A508 / A5 in and out of Milton Keynes.

During the next phases of weekend closures and night time closures, we will be completing the A422 lane widening, resurfacing, and applying anti-skid surfacing as well as applying the new roundabout lane markings

A508 Exit (hatched area) concerns:

A number of roundabout users have expressed their concern about the A508 exit of the A5 Old Stratford roundabout. A meeting was recently held at Highways England to review the A508 exit with the Project Manager, design and road safety teams.

It was noted that the design team were aware that some drivers overrun the hatched area on the exit of the A508 to merge into the correct lane

The design team said that they considered the option for a formal two lane exit on the A508 with a merge down to one lane, however this was discounted due to insufficient space to provide a merge to the required standard. The work required here would also require land take or a retaining wall to widen to the north, in either



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case costing a substantial sum of money and therefore not justifiable for the scheme benefits / budget.

Highways England asset team and the designers were aware of accident history for the roundabout and have proposed that the scheme fundamentally alters the signs and lining design to ensure traffic enters and exits the right lanes and improves safety. The design was subject to a Road Safety audit and when completed on site will be reviewed through other stages of this audit to address any safety issues, which includes as further review of any accidents. All the signing and lining will be renewed as part of the scheme.

Extensive investment has been made by the designers, cognisant of the A508 exit in terms of study, road safety audit, modelling and design which all agreed. The new layout (as per attached improved lane markings and signing drawings which will then be reviewed upon completion. I have attached 2 drawings, which show the improved road markings and signing.

We will, however, continue to review this situation through the Road Safety Audits (RSA3) at scheme completion 4a 12 months later, 4b 15 months later and will also review traffic behaviour and in particular following completion of the current works.

Remaining Planned closures

Friday 29 June to Monday 2nd July FULL WEEKEND CLOSURE

A422 / Towcester Rd closures.

- Full Closure of the A422 arm (link between Old Stratford and Deanshanger)
- Full closure of the Towcester Rd in / out of Old Stratford
- Friday night 8pm through to Monday morning 6am

There will be no Single lane (circulatory route) past this section of the roundabout



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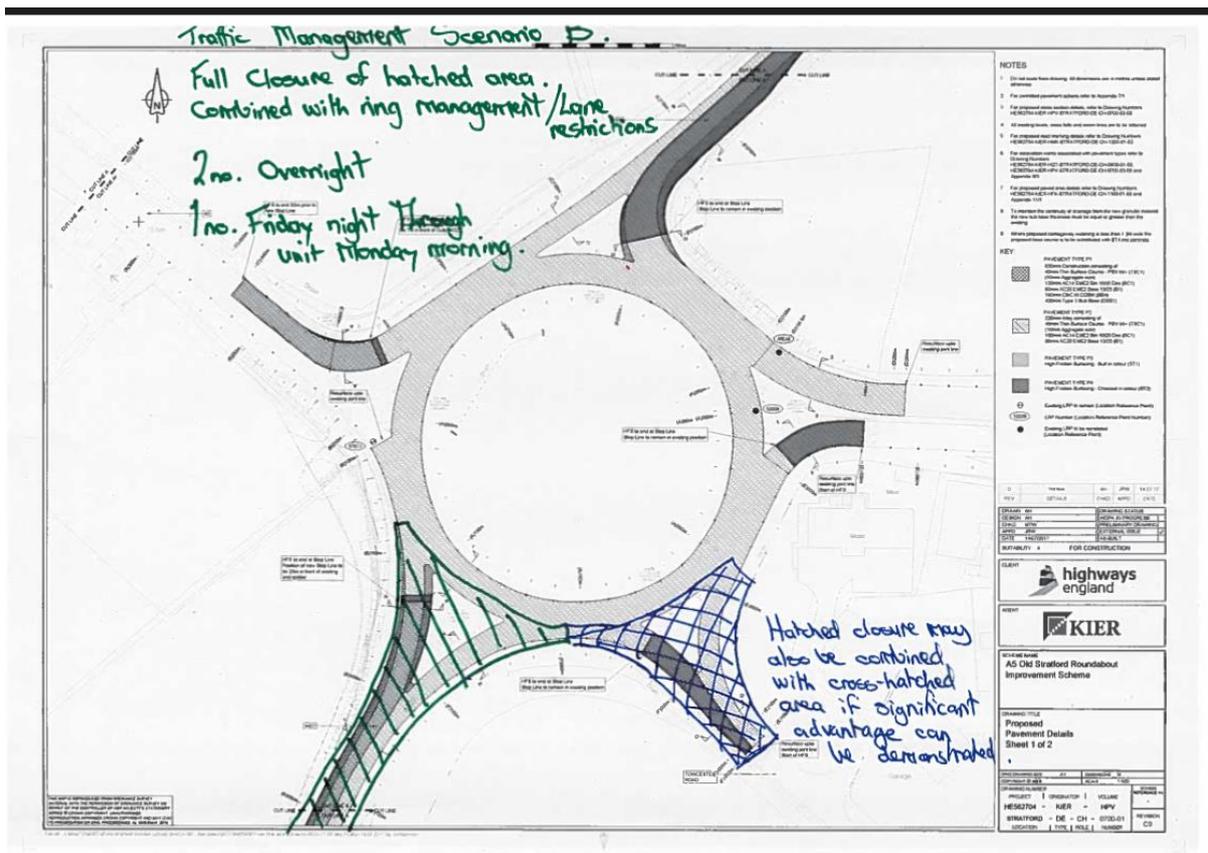
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Monday 2nd July to Thurs 5th July – NIGHT TIME ONLY

A422 / Towcester Rd closures.

- Full Closure of the A422 arm (link between Old Stratford and Deanshanger)
- Potential night closure of the Towcester Rd in / out of Old Stratford - TBC
- Monday night 8pm through 6am each night

There will be a single lane running around the roundabout





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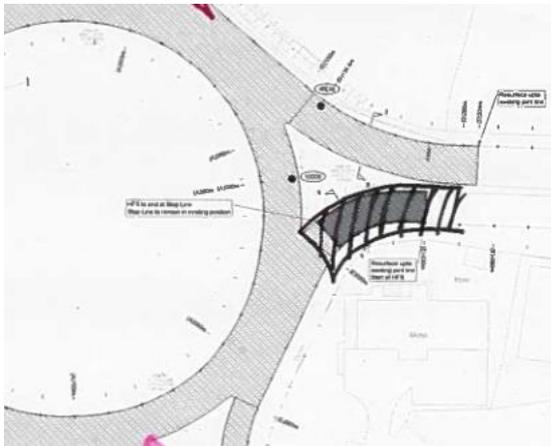
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Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th July NIGHT TIME ONLY

A5 North, from Milton Keynes.

- Full Closure of the A5 arm (link between Milton Keynes and Old Stratford)
- Friday night 8pm through to Monday morning 6am

There will be a single lane running around the roundabout



Wednesday 11th July and Thursday 12th July – NIGHT TIME ONLY

A5 Exit to Milton Keynes.

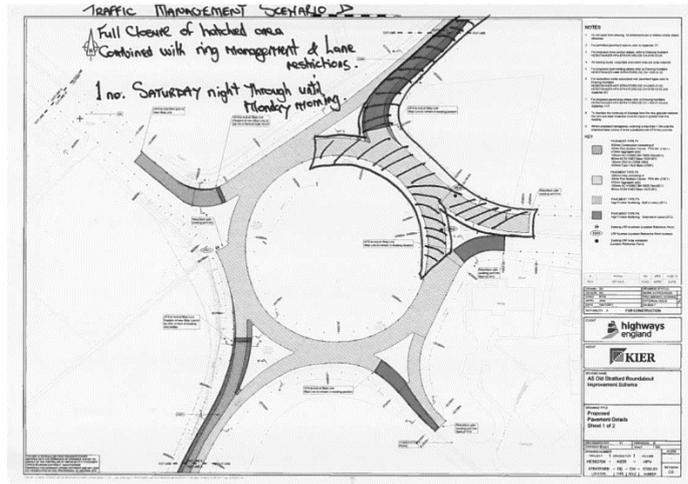
- Full Closure of the A5 Exit arm (link between Old Stratford and Milton Keynes)
- Full Closure of the A508 Southbound arm (from direction of J15 – hard closure past Cosgrove)
- Night closure from 8pm through 6am each night
- **No circulatory through route for traffic**



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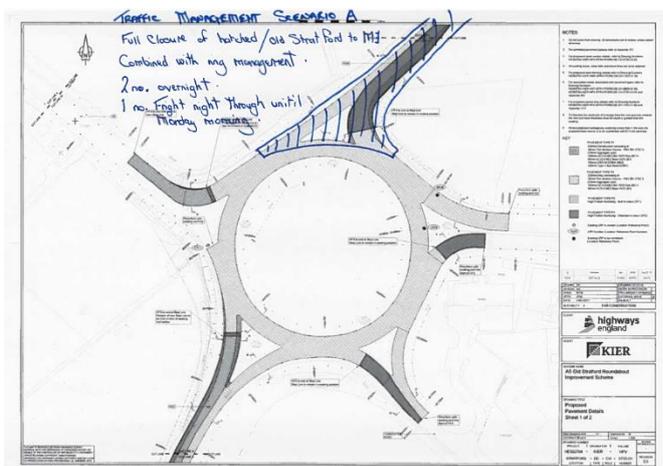


Monday 16th July to 18th July – NIGHT TIME ONLY

A508 closures.

- Full Closure of the A508 arm (link between Old Stratford and Northampton, J15)
- Monday night 8pm through 6am each night

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Again I apologise for the inconvenience caused and thank you for your support and patience during this time, if you would like any further information, please contact me directly or visit the Highways England website www.highways.gov.uk

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