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# A5 Old Stratford Roundabout Improvements

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# **ROADWORKS ARE COMPLETE**

A scheme to improve journeys for drivers using a busy roundabout in Northamptonshire has been completed.

More than £3 million has been invested in the upgrade at the roundabout on the A5 at Old Stratford, South Northamptonshire, where it meets the A422, A508 and Old Stratford Road, which has:

- improved safety on both the roundabout and the approaches
- made journey times more reliable
- cut congestion at the junction
- relieved congestion on the local roads
- supported local and strategic economic growth

Highways England project manager, Simon Wagstaff, said: ""This was a very challenging scheme to complete on a five armed roundabout. Most of our work has been carried out overnight to help keep the roundabout open as normal during the day. We are working through the last things on a snagging list but all will be complete soon".

"I would like to thank everyone for their patience while we made sure this route can serve road users for many years to come."



Aerial View of the new A508 lane widening (June 2018)





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A5 resurfacing and new anti-skid laying on the approach to the roundabout



Improved pedestrian / cyclist crossing – with footpath being extended to Shrob Cottages on the A5 by popular local request.

## Here are some INTERESTING FACTS

- We have added two additional lanes on approach to the roundabout (A422 and A508) and have completely resurfaced the roundabout, using over 6,670 tonnes of Asphalt
- We have installed 33 new SMART traffic lights and columns, using the latest Micro Processor Optimised Vehicle Actuation (MPOVA Technology)
- We have laid over 6,500 meters of ducting and installed new LED street lighting columns, which generate 50% energy savings, year on year
- We have installed advanced signage and new lane markings





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#### PROJECT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

I have enjoyed meeting and working with local people and businesses. Thank you for raising your comments, concerns and suggestions throughout the project.

Around 300 people have got in touch with me since January with questions about the project.



Paul Valentine - Blog #01 1.1K views • 6 months ago Paul Valentine - Blog #01 (Roundabout Improvements and Pedestrian Crossing)

My VLOG on the new pedestrian footpath attracted over 1,000 views.

I enjoyed visiting the local surrounding Parish Council meetings.

I also enjoyed visiting a number of local schools to deliver Road Work Safety interactive sessions and help inspire children into future careers in construction and engineering.



Visiting local schools



Hawkwell Estate residents' new drive

We were pleased to be able to help local residents in the Hawkwell Estate to repair their drive, which had become a safety concern and trip hazard in the Old Stratford village.

## THANK YOU

I do appreciate the impact of disruption and inconvenience that the works have caused local people and the travelling public. I am grateful for your consideration and forbearance while works have taking place.

Special Thanks go to Cllr's Ray Smith, Ken Pritchard, Allen Walker and Derek Everett, for their ongoing local knowledge and support in the development of the improvements and also help in improving diversion routes.

I will continue to monitor the dedicated project email address until the end of November, after which time it will be de-activated. You will still be able to contact Highways England as follows:

- Email: info@highwaysengland.co.uk
- telephone: 0300 123 5000

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