

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION****A14 junction 47a Haughley to junction 49 Tothill  
- concrete roads scheme**

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Notification of start of narrow lanes on the A14 junction 47a Haughley to junction 49 Tothill concrete roads reconstruction scheme**

I'm writing to give you an update on the next phase of work on the A14 concrete road reconstruction.

In our last letter on Monday 6 March, we told you that we'd revised our programme and would be reducing the A14 to one lane later than previously advised.

I can confirm that this phase of our work will now begin week commencing 20 March 2023, when we'll reduce the A14 between junctions 47a and 49 to one lane in both directions. This is so we can complete the preparation work for installing the contraflow, which is when the road is shut in one direction and traffic is moved over to drive on the opposite side of the road to share the remaining carriageway.

**Lane closure dates**

Lane closures will be in place on the A14 between junction 47a and junction 49 seven days a week, 24 hours a day from the following dates:

- Eastbound – Friday 24 March until 5am Tuesday 18 April
- Westbound – Tuesday 28 March until 5am Tuesday 18 April

There may be times between these dates where our workers won't be visible during the day, this is because we may be working out of sight. Please note that one lane will remain open to traffic throughout this period. Following this, the contraflow will be fully installed between junctions 47a and 49 **by Tuesday 18 April** and will remain in place for the duration of our scheme.

The speed limit through the contraflow will be temporarily reduced to 50mph for the safety of our workers and all road users.

During these lane closures, and when the contraflow is installed, traffic will still be able to travel along the A14. The entries and exits at junction 47 (Woolpit), junction 47a (Haughley) and junction 49 (Tothill) will also remain open.

For safety reasons, vehicles with an overall width exceeding 3.4m will be unable to travel through the works when the contraflow is in place.

## Overnight road closures

In addition to the daytime lane closures mentioned above, for safety reasons we will also need to continue with our full overnight closures of the A14 between Bury St. Edmunds and Ipswich. This is so we can continue to install the contraflow system and average speed cameras.

These full closures will be in one direction at a time only, between 8pm and 6am each night, Monday to Friday:

<b>Date of overnight closures</b> <i>8pm to 6am each night</i>	<b>Location of overnight road closures</b>
Monday 20 until Friday 24 March	A14 eastbound
Monday 27 March until Friday 31 March	A14 westbound
Monday 3 April until Wednesday 5 April	A14 westbound
Tuesday 11 April until Friday 14 April	A14 westbound
Monday 17 April	A14 eastbound

Local traffic will still be able to access the A14 westbound at junction 47 and the A14 eastbound at junction 49.

Please note that the dates of all closures listed in this letter may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. We'd like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption you may experience during this work and encourage drivers to allow extra time for their journeys. Please visit our project webpage for the latest information before travelling: [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley).

## Preventing rat running

At our recent public information exhibitions, residents expressed a concern about motorists using smaller, local roads to 'rat run'.

To deter road users from using local routes, we're working closely with Suffolk Constabulary to ensure existing restrictions on local roads are observed. We're also placing signs at either end of these routes to advise they should be used by local traffic only, and that there is 'no access to A14' for through traffic.

## Contact us

If you'd like more information about this work, you can contact us by calling our 24/7 Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, or by emailing [info@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:info@nationalhighways.co.uk). Alternatively, please visit our website at [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley).

Road users can also keep up to date on road closures by visiting our Traffic England website at [www.trafficengland.com](http://www.trafficengland.com) or by following our Twitter feed [@HighwaysEAST](https://twitter.com/HighwaysEAST).

Please visit our scheme website for the latest information before you travel: [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A14Haughley).

Yours faithfully

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