

# M27 Romsey Road bridge replacement scheme



# Why does the bridge need replacing and what is happening to it?

- The condition of the bridge has been monitored, which highlighted issues confirming it needs to be replaced
- Due to wear and tear, the existing bridges are no longer able to move as originally designed
- Surveys showed the need to introduce a temporary 26 tonne weight restriction for traffic
- Structural monitoring equipment has been installed to provide an early warning of any further deterioration in the condition of the bridge

# What's happened so far?

Our public information event in February, allowed us to hear the views and questions of 500 people.

These discussions along with our conversations with the local authorities, residents and stakeholders has helped us to shape the project.

# Site plan



The weekend closure dates have been carefully considered with our stakeholders and local communities to minimise the impact on the community.

In summer 2018 a site compound will be established in a field off Pauler Lacave Avenue. In order to reduce the impact on local residents, large construction vehicles will use a safe access point off the M27.

The majority of works will take place during the day, but there will be elements of overnight and weekend working.

# Key milestones

- **March 2018** – Start on site for environmental works
- **September 2018** – Demolish existing west bridge using one weekend road closure
- **September 2018 to April 2019** – The new bridge will be constructed in an adjacent field and new bridge supports will be built on both sides of the motorway
- **April 2019** – Install new bridge using one weekend road closure
- **October 2019** – Demolish the old east bridge using one weekend road closure
- **Winter 2019** – New bridge open

## Will roads be closed?

The design and programme for the project has been developed to minimise disruption to road users and local communities. We understand that any closure to the network is likely to cause disruption, we have worked with all local authorities to select dates that will reduce the impact to the community. Building the bridge in an adjacent field significantly reduces the duration and extent of road closures that would normally be required.

As part of these works we will need to close the M27 between junctions 3 and 4 and the A3057 Romsey Road bridge over three separate weekends on the following dates:

- 10pm Friday 28 September – 5am Monday 1 October 2018
- 10pm Friday 26 April – 5am Monday 29 April 2019
- 10pm Friday 18 October – 5am Monday 21 October 2019

These closures are subject to change should unforeseen circumstances occur which are beyond our control. We will keep you updated should these dates/times change.

## What diversions will be in place?

During full weekend closures of the bridge and the M27, clearly signed diversion routes for traffic in the local area of the bridge closure and for traffic affected by the M27 Junction 3-4 closure.

We have worked closely with Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council and Test Valley Borough Council to ensure the routes are suitable and free from other roadworks.

We will be closing roads used as rat-runs during the weekend closures which are unsuitable for high volumes of traffic.

## Temporary traffic lights

Between July 2018 and December 2019 temporary traffic lights will be in place over Romsey Road bridge.

Traffic lights are needed to allow sufficient safety zones between the travelling public and our works. The bridge will remain open to the public throughout the works, except during any full overnight or weekend closures.

Traffic diversion routes can be viewed at the public information events or via the Highways England website:

[www.highways.gov.uk/M27romseyroad](http://www.highways.gov.uk/M27romseyroad)

## Weight limit restriction

The temporary weight limit restriction of 26 tonnes along Romsey Road, between Paulet Lacave Avenue and the roundabout near Romsey Golf Club, will remain in place during the works. This will be removed once the new bridge has been built.

## Keeping up-to-date

We will be using newsletters, public information events, social media, drop-in sessions and local publications to keep you up-to-date on key milestones throughout the scheme.

## For more information

Highways England project web page can be found at:

[www.highways.gov.uk/M27romseyroad](http://www.highways.gov.uk/M27romseyroad)

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