

V4 Watling Street FAQs

Is the underpass work finished?

The major project to install an underpass linking the Western Expansion Area to the rest of MK is now in its final stages. Work will continue from early January 2020 to carry out the remaining tasks which will involve some additional road closures.

This has been a significant highways project with 15,500 cubic metres of earth being excavated throughout the course of the works and several different utility services supplying local residents and businesses to work around.

The underpass will provide a safe place for pedestrians and cyclists to use between the new Western Expansion area and existing estates of Crownhill, Two Mile Ash and Kiln Farm.

Why is the road closure continuing until May 2020 now?

This additional section is being closed to enable major infrastructure works to take place along Watling Street and Calverton Lane as part of the Western Expansion Area development.

Adding this month onto the end of the closure means we don't have to return at a later date and close the road off again saving disruption and costs.

Please note: there are two additional works being carried out from early January by different contractors and details are on pages 3 and 4.

When will the V4 Watling Street be open again for traffic?

The additional works are due to be completed by end May 2020.

How will drivers know where the diversion route is?

There will be clear signage in place before any works take place to direct drivers along the diversion routes. Traffic management will be carried out by Ringway – the Council's highways service provider. They will ensure that any updates or incidents are dealt with immediately.

What about access to Calverton Lane for residents?

During the extended closure there will be restricted access to the permanent Traveller site, residents' homes and the kennels situated on Calverton Lane.

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What are the diversion routes?

The existing diversion route has been changed to include the extended road closure. The new diversion route will direct traffic to:

From Stony Stratford direction:

- >H2 Millers Way
- >V5 Great Monks Street
- >H4 Dansteed Way

From Crownhill/TMA direction:

- >H4 Dansteed Way
- >V5 Great Monks Street
- >H2 Millers Way

For Calverton Lane the diversion will be through The Wealds towards Stony Stratford and down Watling Street V4 until it meets Millers Way H2.

I live in a nearby residential estate – what are you doing to stop traffic cutting through here?

These diversion routes will be clearly signed and we will advise all traffic to use these alternative routes rather than through the nearby estates. The signs clearly state, 'For resident access only'.

We can't stop and check vehicles driving through estate roads but we are doing everything possible to inform drivers to use the diversion routes including daily checks on the traffic lights at the Abbey Hill Roundabout so traffic flows well.

How can I find out more about these works?

There is a dedicated webpage at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk
Go to the Highways and Transport Hub for the latest project information.

I have a question not answered here, how do I get in touch?

If you have any questions or queries about these works please call 01908 252353 or email customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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These are the two additional works being carried out from early January by different contractors

1. Work by developers L&Q Estates

From 27 January to 29 May 2020 the road closure on the V4 Watling Street will be extended up to Kiln Farm Roundabout which will be open.

The full closure will therefore be from Crownhill Roundabout (V4/H4) up to Kiln Farm Roundabout (V4/H2).

The infrastructure works will be carried out by Smith Construction on behalf of L&Q Estates Limited as part of a Section 278 agreement.

For more information about this please refer to Planning Decision Notice 05/00291/MKPCO and 08/01289/MKPCR and the Section 106 agreement (5 October 200) and variation 106 agreement (19 March 2018).

What does the work involve?

Junction 3 and Calverton Lane Diversion

- Removal of two existing roundabouts and replacing them with one new roundabout
- Permanent diversion of Calverton Lane
- Major sewer diversions
- Installation of new street lights
- Updating the directional signs to show the new areas
- Resurfacing the road
- Reducing speed limit to 40mph with relevant signage

Junction 28 – signalised junction

- New access into Whitehouse opposite the High Street, Two Mile Ash will be constructed
- 4-way traffic light system will be installed
- Redway crossing points
- Major sewer diversions
- Installation of street lights
- Relocation of existing bus stops
- Updating the directional signs to show the new areas
- Resurfacing the road
- Reducing speed limit to 40mph with relevant signage

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2. Work by Anglian Water

We are coordinating works with Anglian Water who want to take advantage of the existing road closure rather than have to return and close the road off again at a later date.

This will include:

January (6-20)

Fairfields Roundabout lane closure (V4/H3) for Anglian Water to connect pipes.

January to May

From 20 Jan the V4 road closure will be extended from Fairways Roundabout (V4/H3) up to Kiln Farm Roundabout (V4/H2). This will include Calverton Lane which will have restricted access for residents only. This will allow Anglian Water will be installing a new pipe connection to Crownhill Roundabout.

At the same time, the Western Expansion Areas developers will carry out essential work to Junctions 26 and 3 along the V4 (see page 3).

Upon completion of the Anglian Water works in May 2020, the new Whitehouse underpass will be opened.

