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## Keeping you informed – A287 Farnham Road Improvements Project

Our work to install a major new roundabout to replace the existing A287 Farnham Road / Redfields Lane junction is progressing well, and we are still on track to complete all work by Autumn 2022.

Since we last wrote to you, we have been finalising plans to start work on the existing highway and working with utility providers to put in place the necessary arrangements to enable them to divert any affected service ducts and lines efficiently and safely.

Further to our construction programme and associated traffic management plans being approved by Hampshire County Council, we will be progressing to the next stage of our programme which will see work on the existing highway start on 2 August 2021. This work will be carried out by our contractor Buxted Construction.

### What the work on the highway will involve

From 2 August 2021, we will start work to move the existing A287 alignment towards Bowling Alley so that we can start to build the western arm of the roundabout while keeping free traffic flow on the A287. When this has been completed, we will begin work to create the roundabout exits and approaches.

As we progress work on the highway we will need to occupy different parts of the road to build the roundabout, before realigning the existing roads with the new roundabout. We anticipate this work will be completed by Autumn 2022, by which time the new road configuration will be in place and two-way free flow traffic fully reinstated on the A287.

Our standard working hours will be 08:00 until 17:00 hours, Monday to Friday, and 08:00 until 13:00 hours on Saturdays. However, there are no restrictions on the hours we are permitted to work so we may work outside of these hours if necessary.

All the work being undertaken, along with the associated traffic management plans, has been approved by Hampshire Highways at Hampshire County Council, who will continue to oversee the programme for its duration and conduct regular site inspections as work progresses.

### How the roadworks will affect local people

The A287 (Farnham Road) will remain open to two-way traffic for the duration of time we are carrying out this work. However, from 2 August a reduced speed limit of 30 miles per hour (mph) will be introduced on the A287, and both Redfields Lane and Bowling Alley will be closed to through-traffic. This is necessary to maintain safe travel for all road users and to ensure the safety of our workforce.

As a result of Redfields Lane and Bowling Alley being closed, diversions will be put in place as follows:

- **Redfields Lane** – a diversion will be put in place via B3013 (Beacon Hill Road), Sandy Lane, Aldershot Road then back to the northern end of Redfields Lane.
- **Bowling Alley** – road users will instead be directed to use the junction near the Bownhurst Kennels to gain access to/from the A287.

It has been agreed with Hampshire County Council that Redfields Lane and Bowling Alley will remain closed for the duration of works, meaning that these diversions will stay in place until all work is completed in Autumn

2022. This is to ensure that all alternative travel routes are clear and as consistent as possible for the period during which the road improvement scheme is being delivered.

A map showing these diversion routes can be viewed in the 'Key documents and downloads' section of our website: [www.A287roundabout.co.uk](http://www.A287roundabout.co.uk).

During the week commencing 2 August 2021, a network services provider will be putting temporary traffic lights in place for three days, so that it can divert existing services to accommodate the roundabout construction. We do not anticipate having to use temporary traffic lights again until we reach the final stage of our construction programme, when we have to tie in new and existing roads with the roundabout. We will notify you in advance of this happening.

Safety is our top priority throughout delivery of this major construction project. A full-time traffic marshall is stationed at the entrance to our construction compound to monitor construction traffic coming on and off the site, and to ensure the safety of all road users. The marshall will be present for the duration of the works programme.

### **Keeping you informed – ongoing communications**

All roadworks and the associated temporary traffic management systems will be clearly signposted in advance of work starting on 2 August 2021, to ensure road users are clear about what the changes will mean for them. Road signs will remain in place for the duration of the project.

We have also written to those individuals, businesses and organisations living in or operating from properties in immediate vicinity of the site to update them on the roadworks.

The 'News & updates' section of our website – [www.A287roundabout.co.uk](http://www.A287roundabout.co.uk) – will be updated with the latest information about roadworks and traffic management systems being put in place as work on the highway progresses.

We will be in touch with you again as work progresses later this year.

In the meantime, should you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the community relations team by telephone on **0800 804 4049** (between 9am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday) or by emailing [communityrelations@A287roundabout.co.uk](mailto:communityrelations@A287roundabout.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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