

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS UPDATE

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M2 slip road closures - September 2022 to January 2023

Thank you for your patience as we continue with our work to improve M2 junction 5 Stockbury roundabout.

We'll soon be starting work on the new slip roads, and to do this safely, we'll be closing the eastbound (coastbound) entry and exit slips between the M2 and A249 from Monday 12 September 2022 until Friday 13 January 2023.

This means you will not be able to access Stockbury roundabout from the M2 eastbound or join the M2 eastbound from Stockbury roundabout at junction 5. We know there's never a good time to complete this kind of work at a busy junction like this, and understand these closures will cause disruption to journeys, for which we apologise.

We've been working closely with the local authorities and emergency services to plan how we do this work, and we'll be avoiding the main summer holiday peak. Closing the slip roads is the safest approach and causes least disruption, as it reduces the amount of time traffic management will be in place to complete this work and decreases the risk of incidents.

In January 2023, both slip roads will re-open. Access from the M2 eastbound to the A249 northbound (towards Sittingbourne) will temporarily be via the Stockbury roundabout, until the dedicated slip opens in spring 2023.

Diversion routes

To join the M2 eastbound during the closures, use the M2 westbound from Stockbury roundabout to travel to junction 4 and return. This will add approximately 10-12 minutes onto the journey time.

Drivers travelling eastbound (towards the coast) will need to leave the M2 at junction 3 and use the A229, M20 and A249 to reach the Stockbury roundabout. This will add approximately 15 minutes onto the journey time. If you miss junction 3, you can travel to junction 6 and return to junction 5 using the westbound carriageway, which will add a further 25 minutes.

We'll be working with the local authorities and emergency services to monitor the impact these closures have on the surrounding roads so we can make any necessary changes.