

Project Update

M11 Junction 8 Improvement Scheme



What is happening?

The scheme is being delivered through Essex County Council to improve access between the M11 and A120 with London Stansted Airport, Bishop's Stortford, Birchanger Services and Takeley, and to reduce congestion and improve capacity on the M11 Junction 8 exit slips and the A120.

What can you expect?

Current progress and upcoming milestones are listed over the page. You can expect communication and updates when there are major changes to road closures or new sections of the road are opened to traffic. These traffic management changes will be communicated in advance of their implementation to aid the public with daily commuting.

Who is John Sisk?

Sisk are an international construction and civil engineering business, with almost 40 years of experience in the UK.

As well as delivering high quality projects Sisk put social value, people and sustainability at the heart of what they do. Committing to working with their supply chain and utilising the latest technologies to drive continuous improvement.

What opportunities are there?

Sisk staff and their suppliers want to support local causes and community groups.

They also work with Job Centre Plus to recruit local people and will provide school engagement and work experience opportunities.



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Current Progress



Birchanger Lane New Alignment

Birchanger Lane is currently closed. Drainage works are taking place along the existing southbound verge.

Following this footpath construction will take place creating a new alignment along the length of Birchanger Lane. The anticipated completion of these works is Spring 2023.

A120/A1250 Roundabout

The roundabout at the existing A120/A1250 junction has been prepared to receive new surfacing layers shortly. Traffic signs, cabling and new traffic signals have been installed, but will remain in a temporary state until later in the year.

A120 (West of Roundabout)

Sheet piling has been installed to retain the earthworks for the lane widening to be undertaken.

Concreting works are now underway to create the capping beam on top of the sheet piles.



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Upcoming Traffic Management Changes

What will we be doing?

The new alignment and a change in temporary traffic management is due to be in place by the end of March.

This will enable traffic to go through instead of around the roundabout.

Due to the next temporary traffic phase, there will be no right turn into or out of Dunmow Rd.

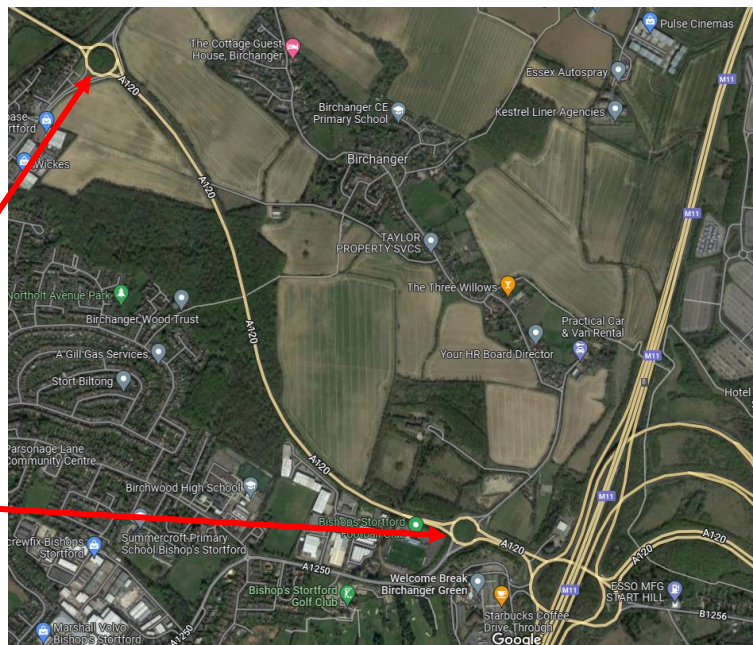
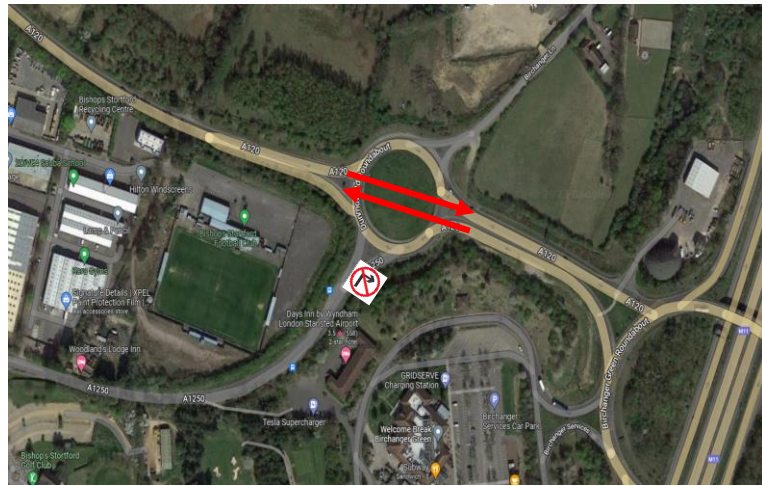
This means that anyone accessing the M11 Junction 8 will be required to turn left out of Dunmow Road and turn around at Stanstead Rd/A120 roundabout.

A120 Stansted/Road Roundabout

This is where traffic may turn around to access the M11.

Birchanger Lane A120 Roundabout

No right turn into or out of Dunmow Rd A1250.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Essex County Council altering Junction 8 of the M11 and A120/A1250 Dunmow Road junction?

The M11 and A120 connect Essex to the rest of the country and provide access to a major airport. Junction 8 and the A120/A1250 Dunmow Road roundabout suffer from congestion and severe delays at morning and evening peak times. Improvement now will cater for future growth and increased traffic.

What are the proposals?

Additional lane capacity on the off-slips of the M11

Replace the roundabout at the junction of the A120 / A1250 Dunmow Road with a staggered signalised junction

Introduce a permanent reduced speed limit of 50mph (A120 and A1250)

Signal-controlled crossings

Full details on the proposals can be seen at <https://www.essexhighways.org/m11-junction-8-improvement-scheme>.

[A map plan showing all of the proposed upgrades can be seen here.](#)

What are the benefits of these proposed improvements?

Changes will improve access from the M11 to the A120, London Stansted Airport, Bishop's Stortford, Birchanger Services and Takeley. They will improve access from the A1250 to the M11 and A120. This will reduce congestion experienced at peak times, particularly between 7am-8am and 5pm-6pm. It will help drivers be in the right lanes and improve traffic flow.

Walking and cycling facilities in the area will be upgraded to support sustainable travel. Investing in infrastructure in this way is also a critical part of planning for the future in terms of planned housing and business growth.

How long will construction take?

Works began on the site mid 2022 and are expected to take around 18 months. As the scheme progresses through construction, we will continue to update you on the latest news from the scheme.

For the latest information please visit the scheme website

<https://www.essexhighways.org/m11-junction-8-improvement-scheme>

