

## Latest e-bulletin for the A11 Spooner Row to Tuttle's reconstruction scheme

### Upcoming work

18 April 2023

### An update on the A11 Spooner Row to Tuttle's Interchange reconstruction scheme

At the beginning of May, we'll be moving into the next phase of our work on the A11 between Spooner Row and Tuttle's Interchange.

For the safety of our workers and all road users, we'll be making changes to our contraflow roadworks while we complete this work. These changes include:

- closing the Spooner Row southbound entry slip road
- opening the Tuttle's Interchange southbound entry slip road
- opening the Browick and Tuttle's Interchange northbound exit slip roads

Please read on for more information.

### Closure of Spooner Row southbound entry slip

We'll be closing the **Spooner Row southbound entry slip road** from **6am on Tuesday 2 May 2023** so our team can safely rebuild this section of the A11. The slip road will remain closed until we finish this section in mid-summer 2023.

To help reduce disruption and congestion during this time, customers will be able to access the A11 southbound using the **Tuttle's Interchange southbound entry slip road**, which will be re-opened for the first time during the scheme, at 6am on Tuesday 2 May. Traffic will be diverted to follow the B1172 through Wymondham, before joining the A11 southbound at the Tuttle's Interchange.

Please see the 'A11 southbound local access' diversion route map at the end of this letter for more information.

### Upcoming overnight closures

In addition to the closure of the Spooner Row southbound entry slip road mentioned above, our work to rebuild the southbound carriageway in this area will also require a number of overnight closures on the A11 **between 8pm and 6am** on the following dates:

Date of overnight road closure	Direction of road closure
Thursday 20 April	Full southbound closure from Thickthorn Roundabout to Attleborough
Friday 21 April	Full southbound closure from Thickthorn Roundabout to Attleborough
Thursday 27 April and Friday 28 April	Full northbound closure from Attleborough to Thickthorn Roundabout
Tuesday 2 May	Full southbound closure from Thickthorn Roundabout to Attleborough

## **Diversion route information**

During this time, southbound traffic will be diverted along the A47 before joining the A140. It will then follow the A1066 towards Thetford, before re-joining the A11.

Northbound traffic will be diverted along the A1066 at Thetford, before joining the A140 north towards Norwich. It will then follow the A47 west, before reaching the Thickthorn Roundabout.

Please also see the 'A11 through traffic' diversion route map at the end of this letter for more information.

## **How will this work affect you?**

We'll be using specialist equipment to carry out this work, so customers may hear more noise than usual. We've sent a letter to local and wider communities to inform them in advance, and we'll make every effort to carefully manage noise levels to minimise the impact of this work.

We understand that our traffic management will cause some disruption along the A11, so we encourage drivers to plan ahead and allow extra time when travelling. We're sorry for the inconvenience these closures may cause to your journey. Please check our project webpage for the latest information before you travel:

[www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A11concrete](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A11concrete).

## **A11 Tuttles Interchange northbound entry slip road**

Now that we're rebuilding the southbound carriageway, we need to ensure our workforce have space to work safely. As discussed in our last newsletter, when we switched our contraflow roadworks over to the northbound carriageway in January, we changed the layout of the Tuttles Interchange northbound entry slip road. For safety reasons, we also had to remove the separate parallel lane for traffic wishing to join the A11 northbound at the Tuttles Interchange, which has resulted in increased congestion.

We listened to customer feedback and have been working with Norfolk County Council to discuss possible changes to the layout of our roadworks to help improve this situation.

We're aware that customers were hoping for a new parallel lane for traffic wishing to join the A11 northbound at the Tuttles Interchange. Following an assessment of our options we've found that this temporary solution is not economically viable when considering the use of tax payers' money and the impact it would have on our construction programme.

We understand that this may be disappointing news, but we hope you understand why this isn't a feasible option. We appreciate your ongoing patience while we reconstruct this section of the A11.

## Opening of Browick and Tuttle Interchange northbound exit slip roads

As we're unable to install a temporary parallel lane for the reasons detailed above, we've been assessing other ways to reduce congestion in the area. We're therefore working hard to reopen the Browick and the Tuttle Interchange northbound exit slip roads as soon as possible. We're currently on track to open the Browick northbound exit slip road on Tuesday 2 May (at the same time as the other changes to our roadworks listed above), and we expect the Tuttle Interchange northbound exit slip road will be ready to open by the end of May 2023. We'll share more information about this with you when the details are confirmed.

We hope that by providing another access point for road users, in addition to the Spooner Row junction, that this will help to reduce congestion at both the Tuttle Interchange and on the B1172 through Wymondham.

### Get in touch

We look forward to updating you on our progress in the near future.

If you have any questions about this work, you can contact us by calling our 24/7 Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, or by emailing [ConcreteRoadsEastA11@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:ConcreteRoadsEastA11@nationalhighways.co.uk). Alternatively, please visit our website for more information about this project: [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A11concrete](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A11concrete).

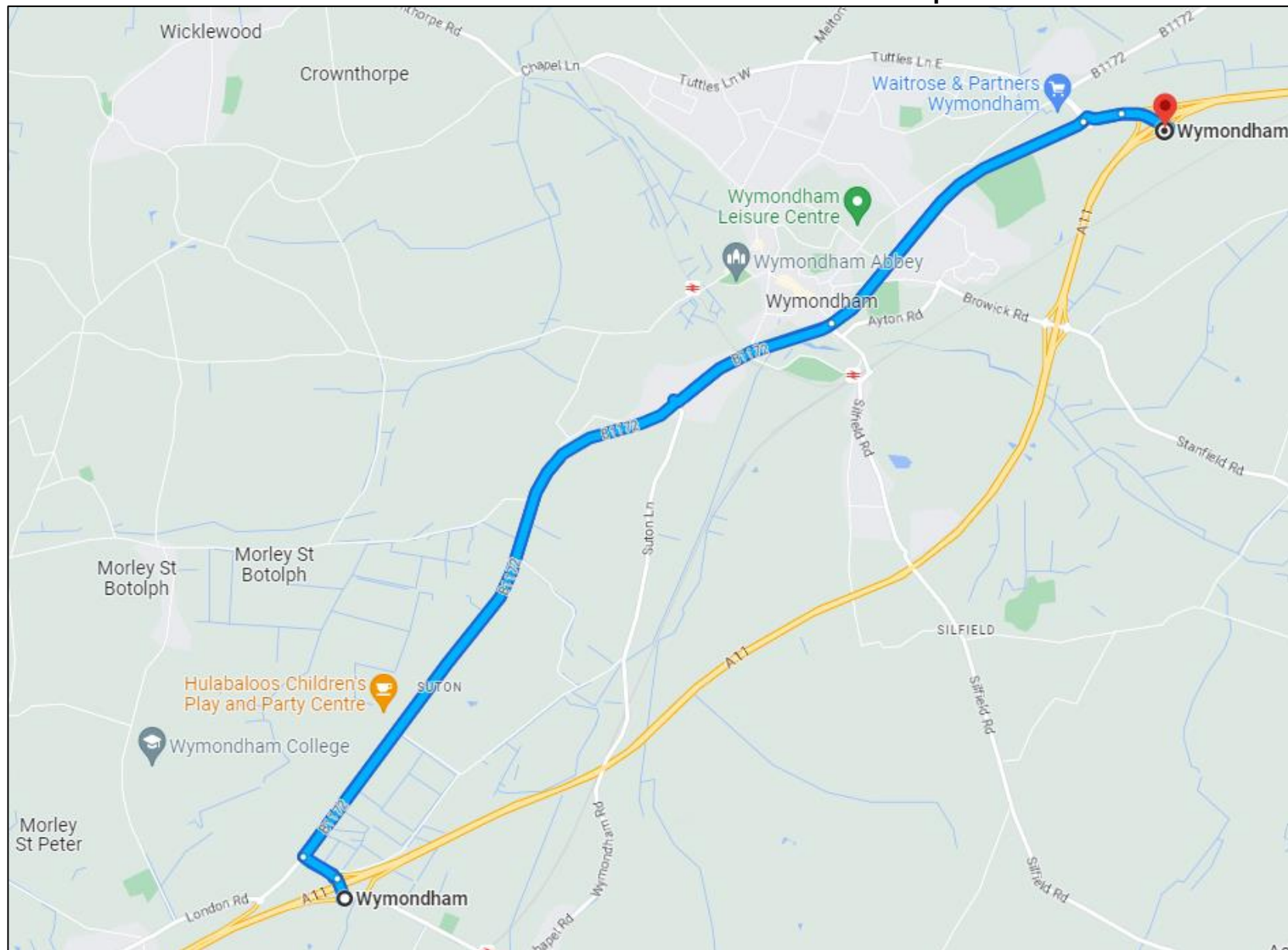
Road users can also keep up to date on road closures by visiting our Traffic England website at [www.trafficengland.com](http://www.trafficengland.com) or by following our Twitter feed: [@HighwaysEAST](https://twitter.com/HighwaysEAST).

Yours sincerely



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### A11 southbound local access diversion route map



## A11 through traffic diversion route map

