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Frequently asked questions: Dismantling of the Army & Navy Flyover

You may have some questions about proposed dismantling and removal of the Army & Navy Flyover. Please read through these questions before contacting Essex Highways as your question may already be answered here.

Please note that information relating to the programme of work may be subject to change, with details updated as information becomes available.

- 1. When are the works due to start?** The removal of the structure will be carried out in a number of phases and planned in a way that reduces disruption and inconvenience to local residents, businesses and the travelling public.

Start dates are subject to contractor availability however we anticipate that the main works to dismantle the main flyover structure will start during the early part of 2020 (provisionally the end of January or the beginning of February 2020). We are making preparations on this basis.

In order to support the dismantling works, we will be completing some preliminary works before Christmas 2019.

Any changes to our arrangements will be communicated in advance, reflected on site signage and via the Essex Highways webpage '**A1060/A1114 Army and Navy Flyover**' which is accessible from: www.essex.gov.uk/highwayschemes.

- 2. Why does the flyover need to be removed?** The structure has suffered movement as a result of excessive temperatures in summer 2019. This resulted in the flyover being closed to all traffic. The decision was taken in September 2019 to close it permanently after a detailed engineering report revealed new defects within its concrete foundations.

Preliminary works:

- 3. What do the preliminary works consist of?** Preliminary works will consist of the electronic flyover signs being removed, leaving the gantries remaining in place, carrying out trial holes on the roundabout and material testing. Once the electronic signs have been removed, temporary signage will be in place to reiterate that the flyover remains closed to all traffic, including emergency services.

4. **When will the preliminary works be carried out?** Arrangements have been made for works to start on Monday 25 November 2019 and are due for completion Saturday 7 December 2019. These works are being planned to take place overnight between the hours of 8pm and 5.30am.

These works are subject to weather conditions being suitable so arrangements be subject to change at short notice if affected by poor weather or if unexpected issues arise. The latest information will be reflected on site signage and the webpage.

5. **What traffic management will be implemented as part of the preliminary works stage?** Nightly lane restrictions will be needed to reduce the traffic to one lane on the roundabout and its approaches to manage vehicles around the junction while works are carried out for the safety of the workforce and the public.

Future works:

6. **What works do you plan to complete in 2020?** Preparations are being made to remove the main flyover structure, with the area left in a suitable condition for any future works that are being planned for the roundabout.
7. **How long do you propose that the main works will take to dismantle the flyover?** Our current estimation is that works will take approximately six to eight weeks.
8. **Will the roundabout remain open to traffic at all times during the dismantling process?** We currently anticipate that the works will be split up into four different phases, with different road closures implemented at different times. During each phase, at least one junction will remain open at all times.

Traffic management details will be shared nearer the time, with sufficient notice to enable drivers to plan their journeys. This will outline the road/s anticipated for closure.

During any roadworks we would encourage drivers to drive cautiously, allowing additional time and to observe the traffic management and signage in place.

9. **Will pedestrian access be maintained at all times throughout the duration of the works?** Yes. At all times, we anticipate either the subways or pedestrian crossing points will remain accessible.

- 10. What will the working hours be for the main dismantling works?** Having considered the options, we are planning for the majority of the works to take place at night.

We currently anticipate that work will be carried out between the hours of 8.30pm and 5.30am, Monday to Friday, with some daytime works being completed on Sundays.

- 11. Will the bus services operate during the dismantling works?** We are in early discussions with the Essex County Council Passenger Transport Team to discuss the best options available. We anticipate that some bus services will be disrupted as a consequence of the works. Options for mitigating the disruption are being considered. Information will be communicated when the programme of works is confirmed.

- 12. As the majority of the dismantling works are being planned overnight, how do you intend to manage the noise levels for the benefit of residents?** We are mindful that the flyover is situated very close to a number of properties.

We will take reasonable precautions to limit noise and inconvenience to residents and businesses and are currently making plans to ensure that the actual breaking up/dismantling of the flyover structure will take place away from the roundabout once it has been removed. This will go some way to limit noisy operations resulting from our works, however vehicle movements and ongoing operations will be necessary during the overnight working.

- 13. What precautions will you put into place to reduce dust/dirt in the area during the dismantling works?** Damping down activities will be used for operations which may release excessive amounts of dust.

- 14. Are there any hazardous materials to be removed from the site as part of the works?** We are unaware of any hazardous materials within or around the structure at this time. None is currently evident at the structure nor present on the structure drawings.

Further information:

- 15. How will you keep local residents and businesses updated?** The latest information will be posted on the 'A1060/A1114 Army and Navy Flyover' webpage which is accessible from: www.essex.gov.uk/highwayschemes.

Residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity will be contacted separately.

Advance warning notices will also be on site and information will also be shared social media posts via [@essexhighways](https://twitter.com/essexhighways). To view information about other roadworks in the area visit one.network.

- 16. Where can I find out more about the future plans for the Army and Navy roundabout now the decision has been taken to remove the flyover?** As details become available information will be posted on the 'Army and Navy Taskforce' webpage which is accessible from: www.essex.gov.uk/highwayschemes or sign up for the Army and Navy e-newsletter at: www.essex.gov.uk/armyandnavy.