

# Project Update

## M11 Junction 8 Improvement Scheme



### What is happening?

This Essex County Council scheme aims 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.

**Please note this scheme is separate to the ongoing National Highways bridge works**

### Who is John Sisk and Son?

Sisk, who are delivering the scheme 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 using the latest technologies to drive continuous improvement.



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### What can you expect?

Current progress and upcoming milestones are listed over the page. You can expect communication and updates where there are major changes to road closures or new sections of the road are opened.

### What opportunities are there?

Sisk's staff and suppliers want to support local causes and community groups. They also work with JobCentre Plus to recruit local people and will provide school engagement and work experience opportunities.



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### Current Progress

#### A120/A1250 Roundabout

We have excavated the A120/A1250 roundabout and are building the new layers of road in this area. Drainage installation and excavation of the new attenuation pond has started. We have also resurfaced and reopened the west side of the roundabout.



#### Birchanger Lane new alignment

A major service diversion was completed in the summer followed by the excavation of the new road alignment of Birchanger Lane. We are currently installing new drainage in this area.

#### A120 (West of Roundabout)

We have installed drainage and street light ducting on the A120, west of the roundabout and finished some of the major service diversions. We have stripped the vegetation and topsoil on the banks and started excavating in preparation for piling works. Two-way lights have been installed to facilitate these works.



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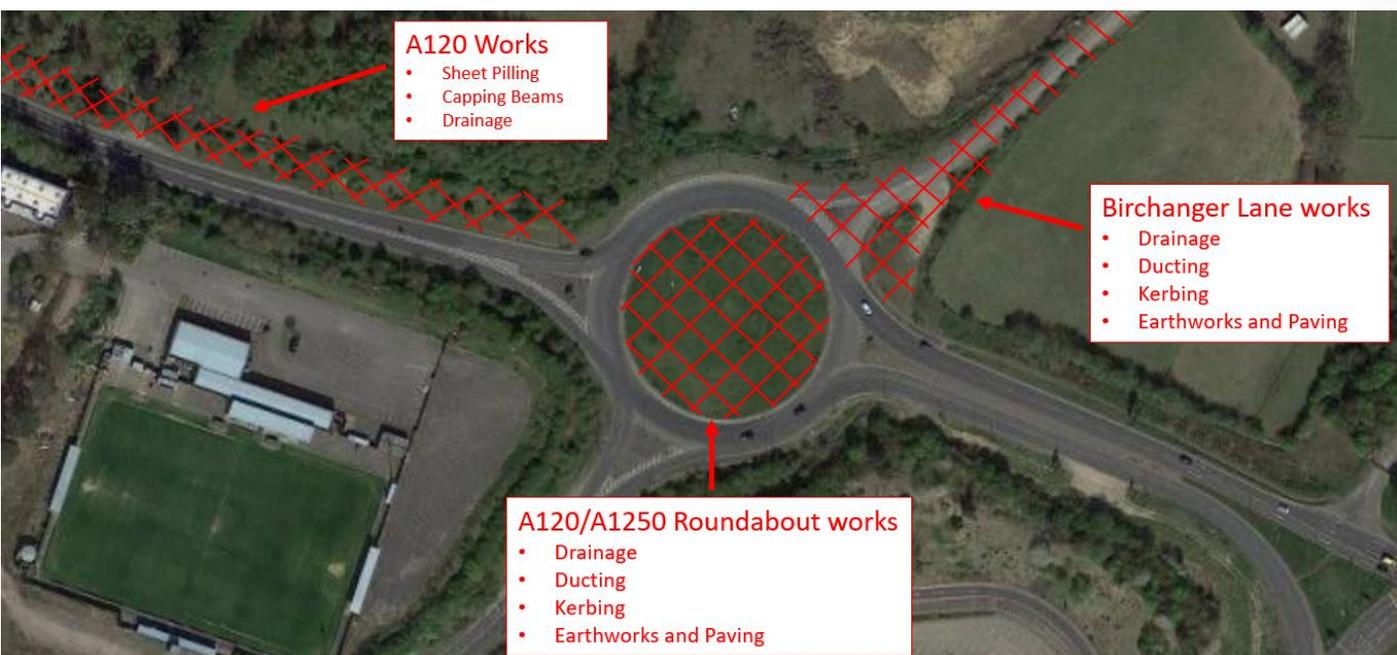
### Upcoming works

#### What will we be doing?

Over the next couple of weeks we will be finishing the drainage and ducting, then building the layers of the road on the A120 roundabout and in the new alignment of Birchanger Lane.

Along Birchanger Lane, we will install new drainage, ducting, kerbing and a pavement on the southbound verge, before linking the existing lane into the new road alignment. To do this, **we will need to close Birchanger Lane, except for access. Works will start in the next couple of weeks at the north end and will be in place into Spring 2023. During this time, the bus stops and services will be diverted. More information will be available on the [scheme website](#) shortly.**

On the A120 Eastbound embankment we have started excavating in preparation to start piling and capping beam works. The two-way lights and narrow lanes installed are now 24-hours, please allow extra time for your journeys.



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### Frequently Asked Questions

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

The M11 and A120 connect Essex to the rest of the country and provide access to Stansted. 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?

- The creation of additional lane capacity on the off-slips of the M11
- Replacement of the roundabout at the junction of the A120 / A1250 Dunmow Road with a staggered signalised junction
- Introduction of 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 earlier this year and are expected to take around 18 months. As the scheme progresses through construction, we will continue to update you on the latest with the scheme.

For the latest information please visit the scheme website:

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