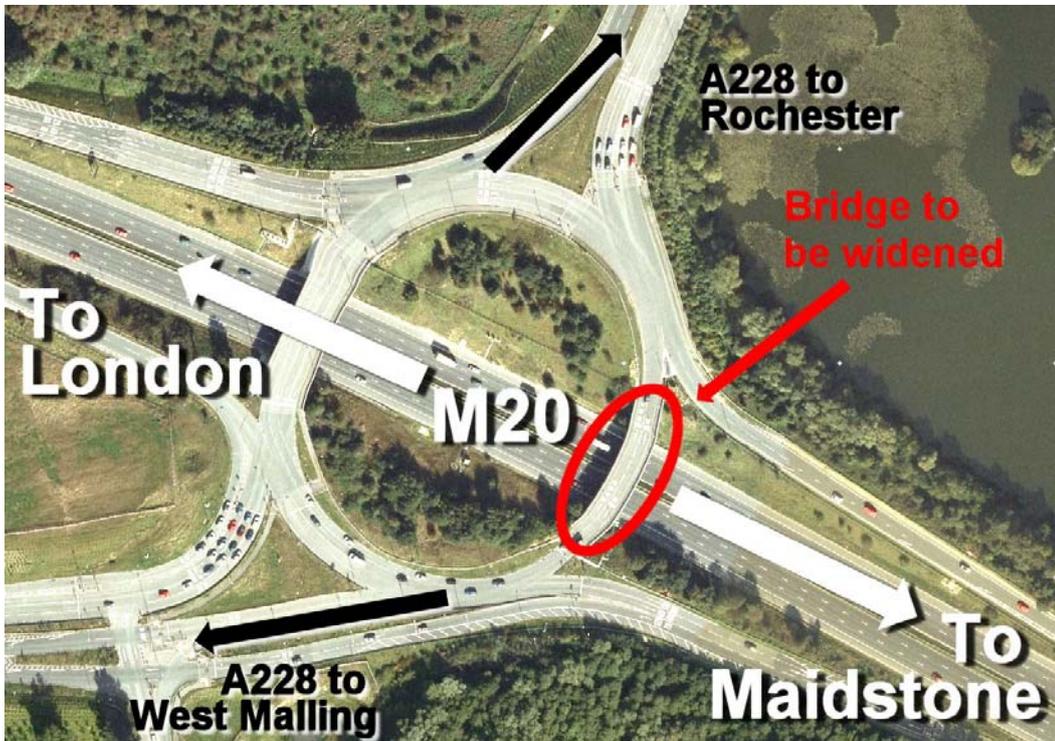


M20 Junction 4

Eastern Bridge Widening

Start of work getting closer



The first Newsletter - circulated in November last year - gave background information about the proposals to widen the eastern overbridge of M20 where the A228 connects at Junction 4. It is now time for a further update.

Construction Contract Awarded

A construction contract has been awarded to John Sisk & Son.

Construction will start at the beginning of April and continue for eight months approximately. There may be some minor advance works during March. Any activity you see on the M20 beforehand is not connected with the bridge widening but a separate programme of work being carried out by Highways England to upgrade motorway electronic signage between Junction 4 and Junction 7.

Site Offices and Compound

Planning permission has been granted for temporary use of land to the north of Junction 4 - to the east of A228 Castle Way (north) and between the M20 and Leybourne Way - for a site compound. John Sisk and our engineering consultants - Amey - will have offices located here from which they will manage the works.

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Work to Date

- Funding secured
- Bridge widening design completed
- Highways England approval secured
- Construction contract awarded
- Planning permission for site compound approved

Programme

- Work starts - April 2016
- Construction completion - November 2016

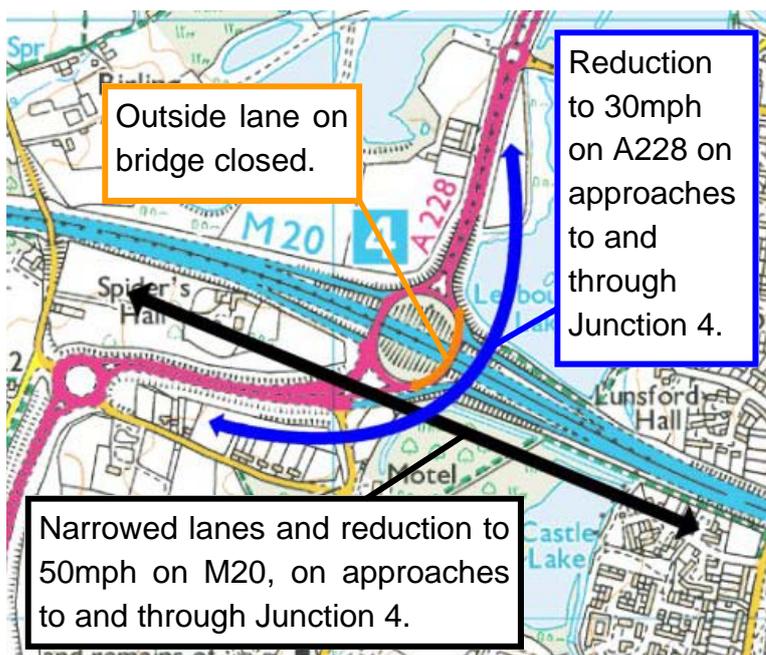
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Traffic Management

The detailed construction programme is still being finalised but key traffic management arrangements can be confirmed as follows:

- All three lanes (in both directions) along the M20 will remain available but a 50mph traffic limit will apply - for the safety of the workforce, drivers and their passengers.
- It will be necessary to cone down the eastern overbridge to one lane - for similar safety reasons.
- The A228 from the Snodland direction will also need to be coned down on the approach to Junction 4. This will allow traffic to line up before entering the junction and the single lane over the bridge - to help the junction gyratory operate as effectively as possible
- The right turn out of Castle Way (south) onto A228 will be banned and traffic required to turn left and 'U' turn at Park Road roundabout - this will help traffic exit Junction 4 gyratory more easily.
- The existing pedestrian route through Junction 4 will be maintained.
- The bus stops on either side of A228 Castle Way (north) will be maintained.



Keeping the local community and drivers informed

Our aim is to construct the scheme as efficiently as possible so that we keep the period of inconvenience as short as possible.

For that reason, we have chosen to build the scheme over the spring and summer months because there is more daylight and hopefully better and more reliable weather conditions. We will keep people informed by a variety of means as follows:

- Signs on site
- Mobile variable message units on site
- KCC Website - link is www.kent.gov.uk/junction4
- Further Newsletters
- E-mail to those who responded to Newsletter No. 1 and asked to be kept updated in that way
- Information to Parish Councils and the Borough Council
- Information on Parish Council Notice Boards

John Sisk will also have a dedicated person based at the site offices to manage the flow of information and to deal with any queries. Contact details will be provided once the offices are established and we have an allocated telephone number and e-mail address. In the meantime you can continue to contact us as indicated at the bottom of this Newsletter.

Finally...

We know that the works will cause inconvenience particularly at peak periods. We will do our best to keep you informed so that you can plan your journeys. Can we also thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.