



## A12 Margaretting Bypass Reconstruction Scheme

e-Bulletin – 12 March 2024

### **Advanced notification of weekend road closure on the A12 northbound carriageway between junctions 12 and 15**

We previously informed you that we need to put in place a full weekend closure for the A12 Margaretting Bypass concrete road reconstruction scheme, and felt it was important to announce the date as early as possible, so you're fully informed in advance.

As part of our work to reconstruct the main carriageway, Essex and Suffolk Water will need to divert two of their water mains. We plan to help them with this by installing part of the infrastructure required for the water mains diversion across the A12 near Margaretting.

To do this safely, we'll need a full closure of the northbound carriageway between junctions 12 (Brentwood) and 15 (Three Mile Hill/Webb's Farm Interchange), from **9pm on Friday 5 April to 5am on Monday 8 April 2024**.

A clearly signed diversion route will be in place - please see the 'diversion information' section below for more details. Please note that the southbound carriageway will remain open during this period.

Please note that all closures are subject to change at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances or poor weather conditions.

### **Diversion information**

During these road closures, northbound traffic will be diverted eastbound along the A127, before travelling north along the A130, ahead of re-joining the A12 at junction 17.

Please see the map at the end of this letter for more information on the diversion route.

A local diversion route will also be in place for residents wishing to access the A12 during this time.

## **Rat running**

We're aware of the concerns that have been voiced by local residents in Ingatestone regarding some motorists using smaller, local roads during our closures. Not only do local roads have lower speed restrictions, they also aren't meant for large vehicles or high volumes of traffic, and they often have weight restrictions in place. It can also lead to more congestion, increasing the risk of accidents for both motorists and pedestrians. With this in mind, we ask drivers not to 'rat run' during the closure, as this can impact local communities.

To help traffic flow and reduce any congestion through Ingatestone High Street, we'll be temporarily suspending the parking bays from Pine Drive to The Bell public house on High Street, Ingatestone between the following dates:

- 6pm on Friday 5 April until 6am on Monday 8 April 2024

While these parking bays are suspended, the car park at the Ingatestone and Fryerning Community Association will be free to use, allowing shoppers to visit the local stores.

We hope the provision of alternative free parking helps to reduce the inconvenience this may cause to the local community.

Please note that the parking bays outside the Co-op will remain open and available to use.

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

We'll be using specialist equipment to carry out this work, so you may hear more noise than usual. We're sorry for any disruption this may cause to you, and we'll make every effort to carefully manage noise levels to minimise the impact of this work.

We expect the weekend closure to cause disruption along the A12 and on some local roads, 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/A12Margaretting](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A12Margaretting).

## **Contact us**

If you have any concerns or questions about this work you can call our 24/7 Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, or email [info@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:info@nationalhighways.co.uk).

You 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 X feed: [@HighwaysEAST](https://twitter.com/HighwaysEAST). You 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.

Yours sincerely



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## Diversion route map for drivers travelling on the A12 between junctions 12 and 16

