

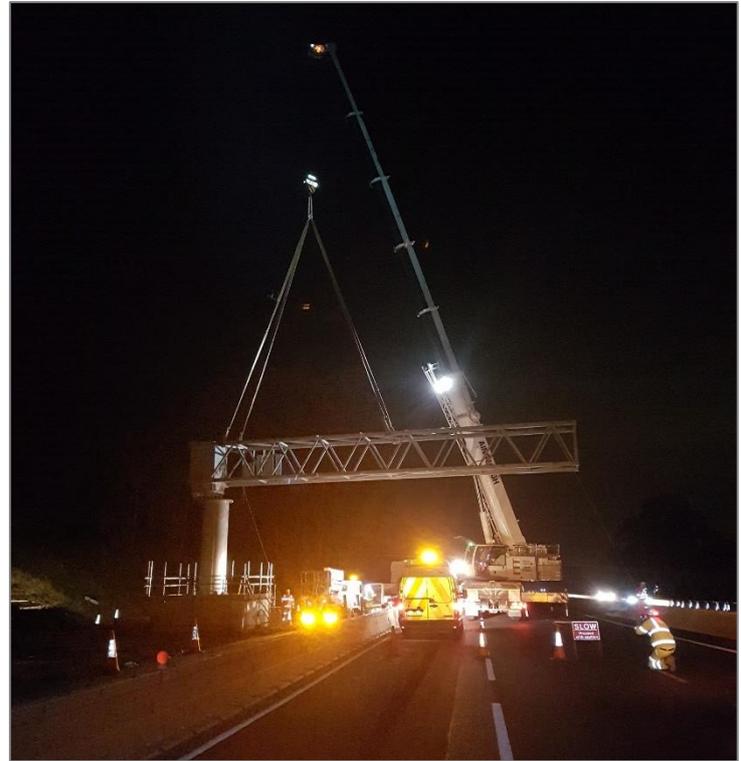
November 2019 news bulletin

There are two more full weekend closures planned before Christmas (details below).

There has been steady progress this year and we expect to have finished most of the work between junctions 8/9 and 12 by the middle of 2020. This won't result in a return to the national speed limit straight away for safety reasons while the new systems are tested and commissioned, but it will help us prepare the western section of the route for opening as a smart motorway during 2021.

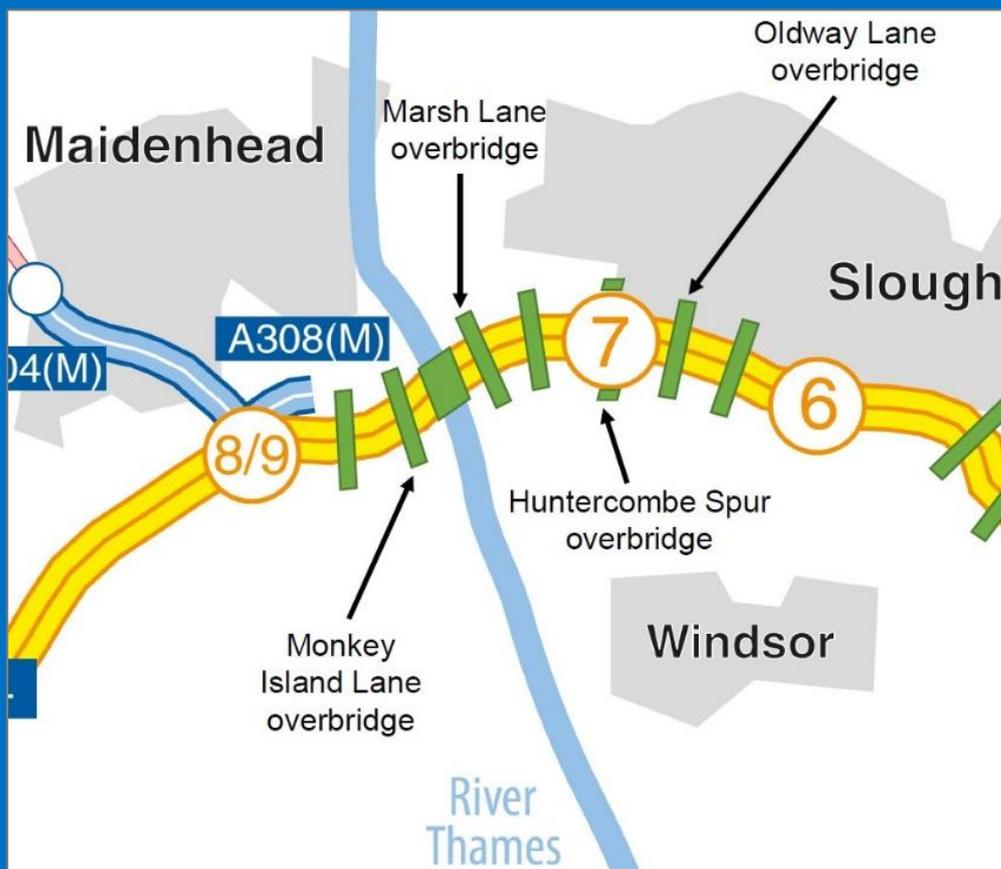
The project will shut down from Friday 20 December 2019 before restarting on Monday 6 January 2020.

The completion date for the whole project, including the bridge work on the eastern section of the route, remains Spring 2022.



What's next for the M4 project for the rest of the year?

Reminder: two more weekend closures planned

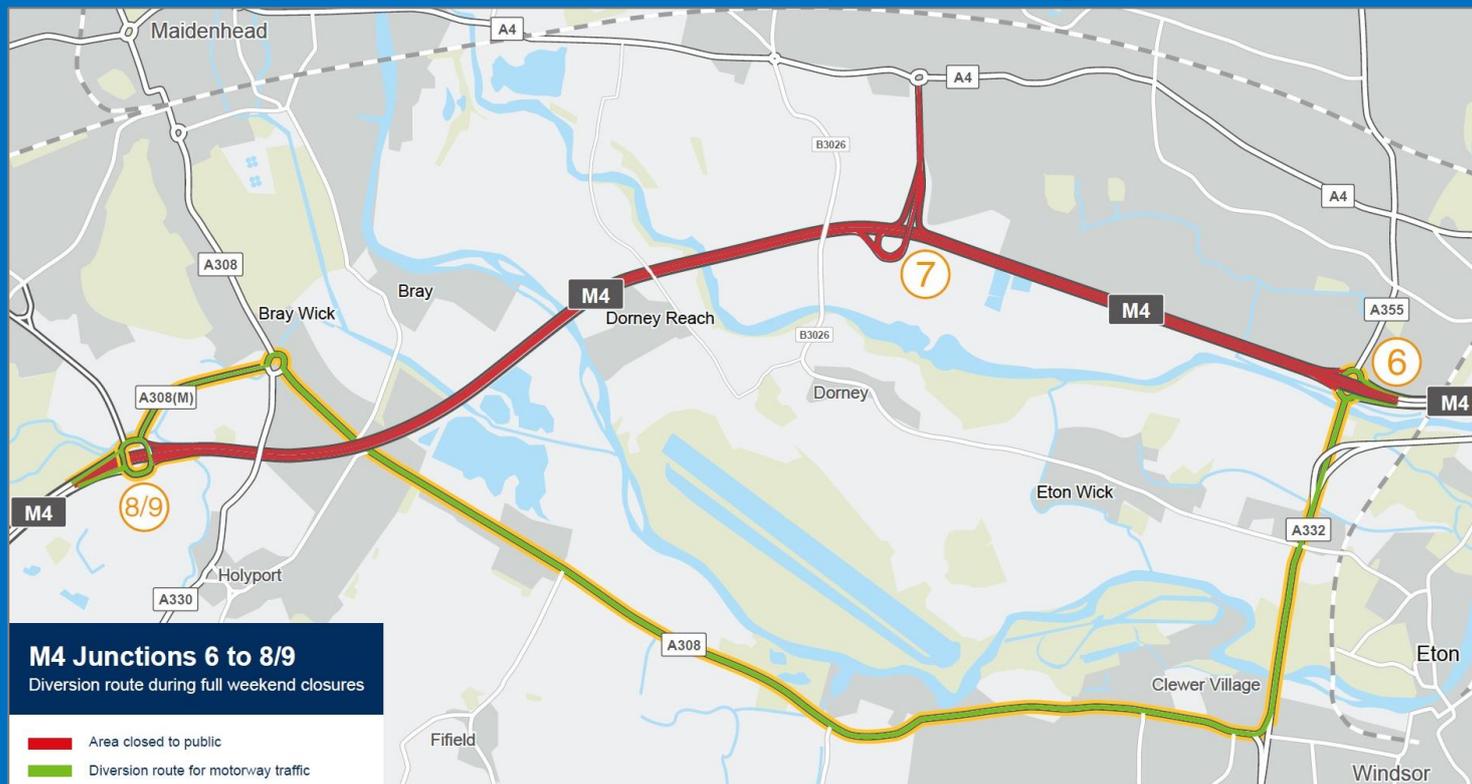


As confirmed last month, there are two more full weekend closures ahead this autumn.

The M4 will be closed over the weekend of **15-18 November** **between junctions 6 and 8/9** for the demolition of Marsh Lane bridge and the lifting of the new bridge beams at Monkey Island Lane bridge. A temporary Huntercombe Spur bridge will also be lifted into place at junction 7.

The M4 will again be closed over the weekend of **29 November-2 December** **between junctions 6 and 8/9** for the demolition of Huntercombe Spur bridge at junction 7. To make best use of the weekend closure, Oldway Lane bridge just to the east of junction 7 will also be demolished during this weekend.

Diversion route for closures between junctions 6-8/9



During the full closure of the motorway in both directions over the weekends of 15-18 November and 29 November-2 December, traffic will be diverted along a route previously agreed with the local authorities. This route will use the A308M, A308 and A332. Diversions will begin 8pm Friday evening, until 6am Monday morning. Please, if possible, avoid driving in the area during this weekend and use alternative routes or transport.

Your online comments



There is information and regular news, including a weekly update on forthcoming road closures, available on our engagement website:

<https://m4j3to12smartmotorway.commonplace.is/>

Please remember: the site is not designed for a response to every comment. We use it to inform our work and investigate when issues are reported. **If you have a specific question or concern, please contact us using the email, phone number or postal address below.**



Work underway at Monkey Island Lane Bridge

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