

## National Highways (NH) update for WG STB board meeting 10 July 2024

### RIS3 Update

DfT had been awaiting from Number 10 a date to publish the draft RIS when the general election was called. Unfortunately it was not possible to publish the document before the start of the pre-election period.

National Highways continues to work with DfT to develop options and recommendations for the content of RIS3, which of course will need to take into account the agenda of the Government at that time.

DfT is still working on the basis of publishing RIS3 late in 2024/25, followed by National Highways' Strategic Business Plan and Delivery Plan setting out how we will deliver RIS3. We are working on options to ensure a smooth transition following the end of Roads Period 2 in March 2025. What form that is likely to take is unknown at this stage.

We are thankful to all the STBs for their continued engagement, support and patience as we work through this, and we will communicate further as the approach becomes clearer.

### South West Major Scheme updates

#### **A417 Missing Link**

Construction work is continuing. There are a series of overnight and weekend closures throughout June. Full details can be found on the [scheme website](#).

To allow us to carry out the next stage of work, changes to the layout of the road around Cowley Roundabout are also needed. We'll be installing drainage, excavating, and setting up a contraflow on the A417 at Nettleton Bottom/Cowley Roundabout.

We'll be closing Stockwell Lane from 1 July 2024 for up to 18 months to allow us to prepare for construction of the new road and bridge.

#### **A303 Stonehenge**

On Friday 17 May, the Court of Appeal notified us that the Save Stonehenge World Heritage Site's legal challenge will be heard. We do not yet know the timeline for this process. We are hugely disappointed by this decision, which will cause more delays to this scheme as the next stage of the legal process unfolds. We will participate fully in any future legal proceedings to continue to present the case for the scheme, working closely with the Department for Transport. We still believe our project is the best solution to the ongoing issues along the A303 past Stonehenge, having been developed after long and extensive collaboration with our stakeholders.

### **A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross**

The new A30 dual carriageway between Chiverton & Carland Cross in Cornwall opened fully to traffic on 24<sup>th</sup> June. We'd like to thank the people of Cornwall for their patience over the last few years while our teams have carried out this work.

We still need to carry out work on local roads, footpaths, bridleways, and cycle routes and infrastructure in order to close down the site and fully complete the project. We'll be completing some of this work before the start of the school summer holidays. We may also require some overnight closures later this year on the A30 as part of the completion work. We'll continue to keep our customers and stakeholders informed via notifications, social media updates, and on the [scheme webpage](#). The project is scheduled to be fully completed by the end of the year.

Please click [here](#) for a simple plan of the new A30 dual carriageway layout and the planned connections with the de-trunked old A30 route.

### **A303 Sparkford to Ilchester**

Construction is still progressing well. The next traffic switch is expected to take place during an overnight closure in July (exact date currently tbc). This will move traffic to run on more of the new dual carriageway. The open-for-traffic date for the whole project is still winter 2024/2025.

### **A358 Taunton to Southfields**

National Highways, with the support from Government, will not be submitting the Development Consent Order application for the A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme and we are working with Government on the next steps. We will continue to work with impacted landowners and communities to resolve any outstanding queries they may have regarding the current scheme proposal.