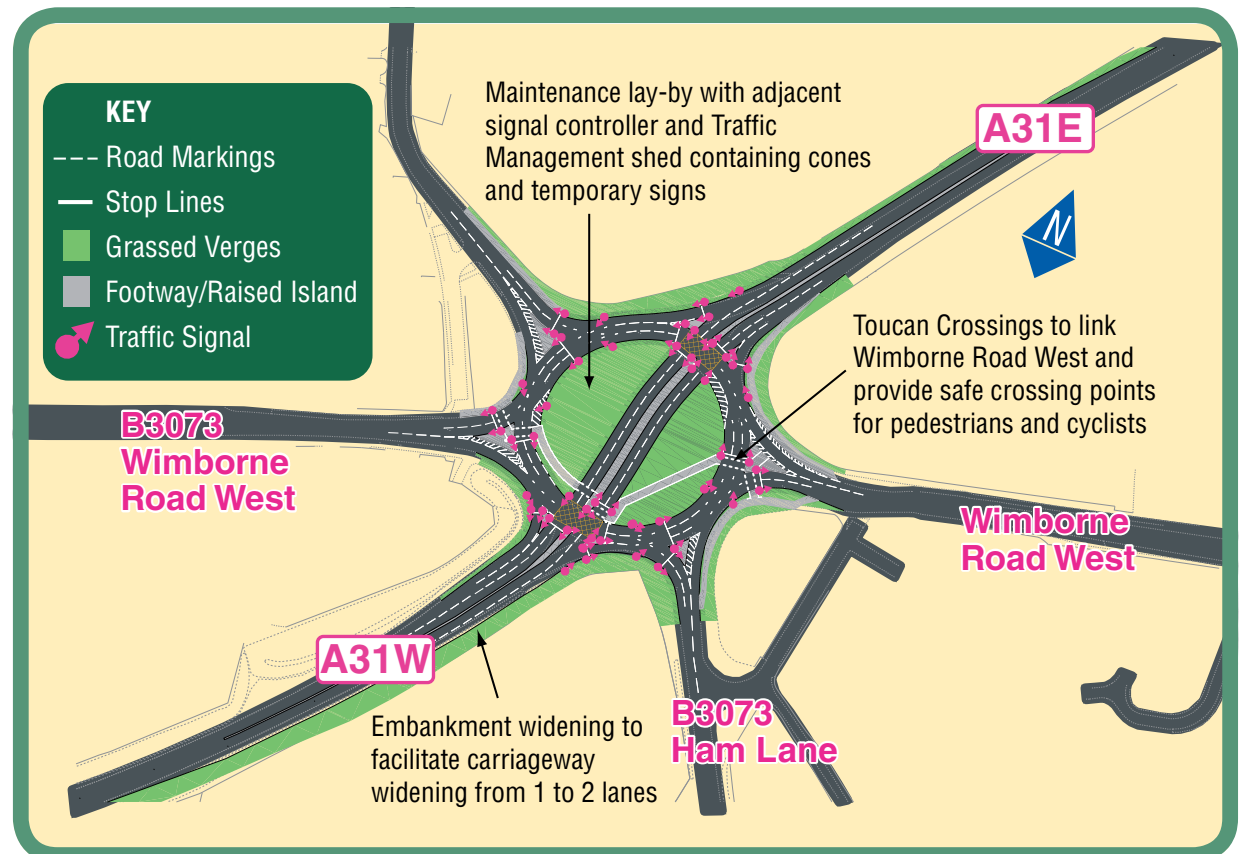


Winter Update

Welcome to the first edition of the A31 Canford Bottom Junction Improvements newsletter. Works started in October 2011 with the Highways Agency contractor, Carillion UK Construction Ltd, and is programmed to complete in June 2012. The improvement works will transform the existing roundabout into a fully signalised junction, designed to maximise capacity and improve traffic flow on the A31 and local roads.

Construction update:

- Site clearance on the A31 east and westbound completed
- Diversion for electrics, water, telecoms and gas under the carriageway completed
- Earthworks to reduce the level of the roundabout completed
- Drainage and ducting works being undertaken within the roundabout
- Work started to widen the embankments on the A31 westbound and A31 eastbound



Next Stage of Works:

January: We aim to complete the drainage and ducting work within the roundabout and earth embankment works. Road construction will start within the roundabout and on the A31 eastbound verge, and we will start to install safety fencing. This will involve occasional overnight A31 and local road closures (no day-time road closures).

February: The 7-week local road closures will start from 2 February. During this period we aim to complete site clearance, drainage and duct works and sewer diversions. Extensive road reconstruction works will start along with overnight carriageway works on the A31. There will be unrestricted day-time traffic flow through the roundabout on the A31 during this period.

March: Activities will continue on the western side of the roundabout, and will include completion of the road and footway construction, signage and lighting column installation and overnight carriageway work on the A31.

Further updates on the improvement scheme will be available on display locally at the following locations:

- Ferndown Library
- Wimborne Library
- Colehill Library
- Fox & Hounds Inn
- Spar Convenience Store
(Wimborne Road West)

Local Road Closures

Starting on Thursday 2nd February there will be phased 24 hour closures (7 days a week) of the exits and accesses from and to local roads at the junction. These closures are required to allow the level of the existing roundabout carriageway to be safely modified to incorporate the new dual carriageway section.

We have phased most of the closures to follow each other, but for three weeks all four roads will be closed at the same time in order to create a safe driving environment for road users and a safe working environment for the roadworkers.

During the 7-week phased local road exit and access closures, there will be occasional overnight closures of the A31 between the Merley and Ameysford roundabouts, to allow work to take place on the existing carriageway. These overnight closures will be in place between 8.30pm and 6.00am Monday to Thursday nights, and between 11.00pm and 6.00am on Friday nights.

All overnight closures are dependant on good weather to allow work to be carried out. Advance warning signs will be in place for a minimum of two weeks before the intended closures.

During the proposed programme of side road closures, our contractor will be working continuously from 7.30am on Mondays (day and night) until 5.30pm on Saturdays. On Sundays work will take place from 7.30am to 5.30pm.

We have been working in conjunction with the emergency services to enable their services to be maintained at all times.

Diversion routes

Clearly signed diversion routes will be in place during these closures. These will include Wimborne Road West (Ferndown and Wimborne sides), Oakley Hill, Leigh Road, Hayes Lane, Ringwood Road, Magna Road and Queen Anne Drive. Full details of the routes can be found on the Canford Bottom Scheme webpage and at the local display locations listed. A map showing the routes for the local road closures can also be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Public transport

During the 24 hour closures of the four local roads, the bus stops closest to the roundabout will be closed and services re-routed on a diversion. Advance warning of the revised route and timetable will be publicised by bus operator Wilts & Dorset and on the scheme webpage. For further information about Wilts & Dorset bus service and to view changes to services in the future, please visit www.wdbus.co.uk

Pedestrian/cycle routes

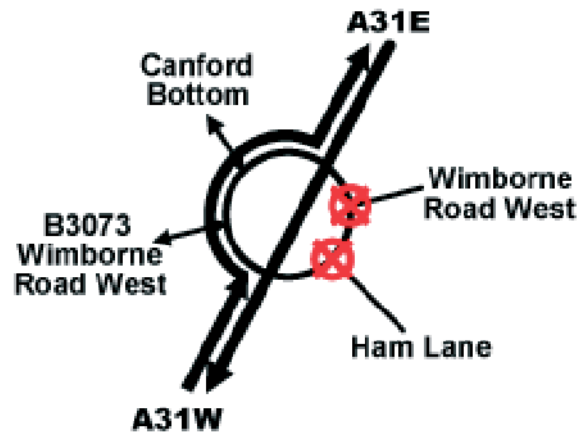
There is a clearly signed route available around the junction for pedestrians and cyclists at all times. For safety reasons cyclists must dismount before using this route.

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Dates for your diary

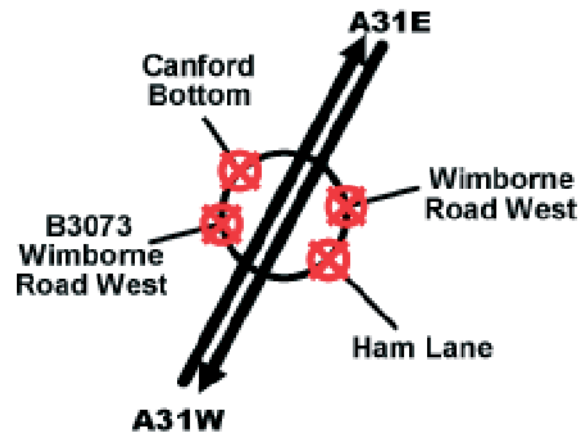
Thursday 2 February to Thursday 16 February 2012

Closure to Wimborne Road West (Ferndown side) and Ham Lane at Canford Bottom Roundabout access and exits



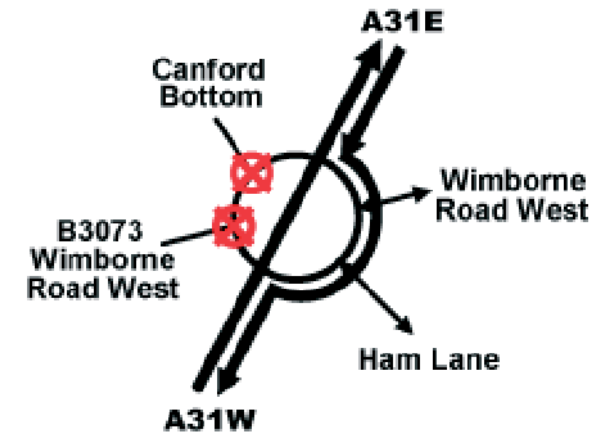
Friday 17 February to Thursday 8 March 2012

All four local roads Wimborne Road West (Ferndown and Wimborne sides), Canford Bottom Road and Ham Lane will be closed at the Canford Bottom Roundabout access and exits



Friday 9 March to Friday 23 March 2012

Closure to Wimborne Road West (Wimborne side) and Canford Bottom Road at Canford Bottom Roundabout access and exits



Scheme webpage:

www.highways.gov.uk/a31canfordbottom

Please remember that businesses in the vicinity of the roundabout will be open as usual.



Canford Bottom roundabout during earthworks to the island

