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## Southgates Roundabout - Roadworks Update

### Week 1 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

Works have begun to improve Southgates roundabout at King's Lynn. The official start date was Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February, but preparatory works began on the day before to help get the scheme off to a good start. This helped reduce traffic congestion on the Monday.

Works done in the first week include temporarily reducing the size of the central island by 3m to allow room for traffic as the works progress. This is due to be surfaced on Sunday.

Street lights, bollards and signs on the splitter islands on all approach roads to the roundabout have been removed. The islands are now being broken out and reinstated with surfacing, and pedestrian refuges will be formed using barriers to allow people to cross and give flexibility. Temporary street lights have been fitted to the central island.



Next week works will continue on the splitter islands. Pedestrian routes are affected during this work, and we apologise for any inconvenience while new crossing points are established.

BT diversion works will start at Wisbech Road, but trial holes have shown that the existing ducts here are in poor condition and need urgent attention. To do this it will be necessary to close one inbound lane from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February until the following Wednesday. Works on Sundays will generally be daytime rather than the afternoon/evening shifts as previously notified.

Ducts will also be laid across London Road, using lane closures in the quietest direction depending on time of day.

Road widening will start at Hardwick Road, away from the existing road and so not affecting traffic.

The Southgates project is one of the transport improvements that began in King's Lynn in 2009 after Norfolk County Council and the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk secured £5.3m from the Government's Community Infrastructure Fund

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