

Taplow Riverside – Press Statement

Berkeley would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused during the ongoing highway improvement works along the A4 Bath Road between Taplow and Maidenhead.

The works include the construction of a new roundabout and creation of a new pedestrian crossing and cycleway which forms part of the highway improvements within the wider redevelopment of the former Taplow Papermill and Skindles Hotel. The wider development includes the creation of 199 new homes, new Skindles restaurant, commercial office space, improved areas of open space and a new pedestrian footbridge crossing the River Thames to Boulters Lock.

We appreciate that our works are one of the contributing factors to the current delays experienced by motorists along the A4. In an attempt to alleviate the congestion and improve the traffic flow through our works we have introduced the following measures:

1. The traffic lights will only be used outside of peak hours between 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday and 8am and 6pm at the weekend. The use of traffic lights will be kept to a minimum for the remainder of the works.
2. Improved courtesy signage to provide a more advanced warning for motorists whilst apologising for any delay suffered.
3. A Traffic Marshall will be dedicated to the Mill Lane junction to ensure no additional queues are caused by cars or trucks turning off or onto the main A4. We will also be getting additional signage to ensure motorists keep both the Mill Lane and Ellington Road junctions clear whilst waiting in any queue at the lights.
4. We have optimised the timing delay of the signals and will further monitor the queue lengths in each direction along the A4 so to keep traffic more freely flowing at different times of day.

We would like to reiterate that our contractors are doing their utmost to minimise disruption and maximise the flows along the A4 whilst getting the work completed in a timely manner. We are trying to get the works done as quickly as possible and are currently on programme to have the roundabout works substantially complete and the road fully re-opened by the end of June. This might leave some landscaping and minor works still to be completed but this should not have an impact on traffic.

For the weekend of the 11th and 12th June traffic lights will be in operation in order for the final surface to be laid. As such despite the measures detailed above, there is likely to be some lengthening of journey times. There might also be unforeseen construction problems which may delay the removal of the lights. As such it would be advised to avoid the area or allow more time for journeys.

The above works, working hours and traffic management strategy has been agreed working closely with Transport for Buckinghamshire's Roadspace Management team.

We hope the above improves the situation for motorists. However, if anyone has any further concerns or queries regarding our works, please contact Caroline McHardy on 01753 784400 or email caroline.mchardy@berkeleygroup.co.uk

Thank you for your patience whilst we complete these works and again, please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Cllr Simon Dudley, leader of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, said: "We have regularly and actively liaised with Berkeley on behalf of our residents whose journeys are being badly affected by these works.

"We appreciate the efforts Berkeley is making to reduce the impact these works are having on the flow of traffic. We will continue to monitor and liaise to ensure traffic conditions do improve.

"Thank you too to the motorists who have alerted us to delays and back-ups."