

A556

Knutsford to Bowdon improvement scheme

Newsletter – Issue 6

Winter 2016/17



Welcome to the winter edition of our A556 Knutsford to Bowdon improvement scheme newsletter. This is the sixth in a series of updates produced to keep you informed about the scheme progress.

The new road is due to open in March

The new A556 dual carriageway is scheduled to open to traffic in March 2017.

The new 6.5km route connects the M6 junction 19 in Tabley with the M56 junction 7 at Bowdon.

Full weekend road closures

There will be a series of full weekend closures prior to the road opening. This will allow the team to connect the new road to the existing network.

The roads that **will be closed** are as follows:

- A556 (Chester Road) in both directions from the Windmill Public House in Tabley to Bowdon roundabout
- M6 junction 19 southbound access and exit slip roads (northbound will remain open)
- M56 junction 8
- M56 junction 7 eastbound and westbound exit slip roads
- the link between the two Bowdon roundabouts

Closure times and dates

The closures will be in place between 9pm Friday and 5am Monday on the following weekends:

- Weekend 1: **17 February – 20 February**
- Weekend 2: **3 March – 6 March**
- Weekend 3: **10 March – 13 March**

We also have two contingency weekends.

The closures will only take place on these weekends if work is delayed due to unforeseen circumstances or bad weather. These are:

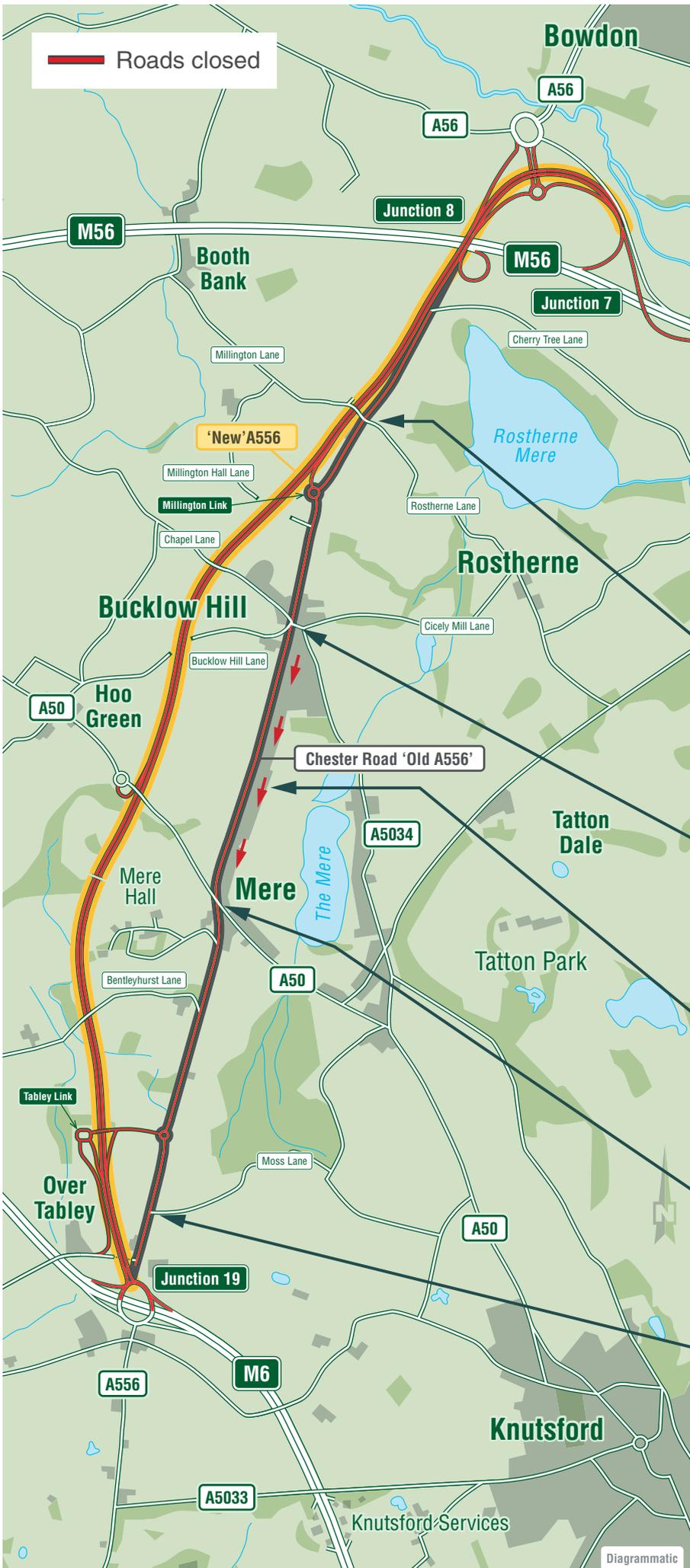
- 24 February – 27 February
- 17 March – 20 March

We anticipate that the new road will be open to traffic by 5am on Monday 6 March before closing again for the weekend of Friday 10 March whilst barrier works are completed.

 Please check our scheme Facebook page www.facebook.com/a556knutsfordtobowdon/ to keep up to date with our progress.

Once this work is complete, the new road will be open for traffic and we will start de-trunking work on the 'old' A556.

**Road
opening in
March
2017**



A556 weekend closures

Closures will take place between 9pm Friday and 5am Monday on the following weekends:

- 17/2/17 to 20/2/17
- 3/3/17 to 6/3/17
- 10/3/17 to 13/3/17

In addition there are two contingency weekends in the event of bad weather affecting works, these are:

- 24/2/17 to 27/2/17
- 17/3/17 to 20/3/17

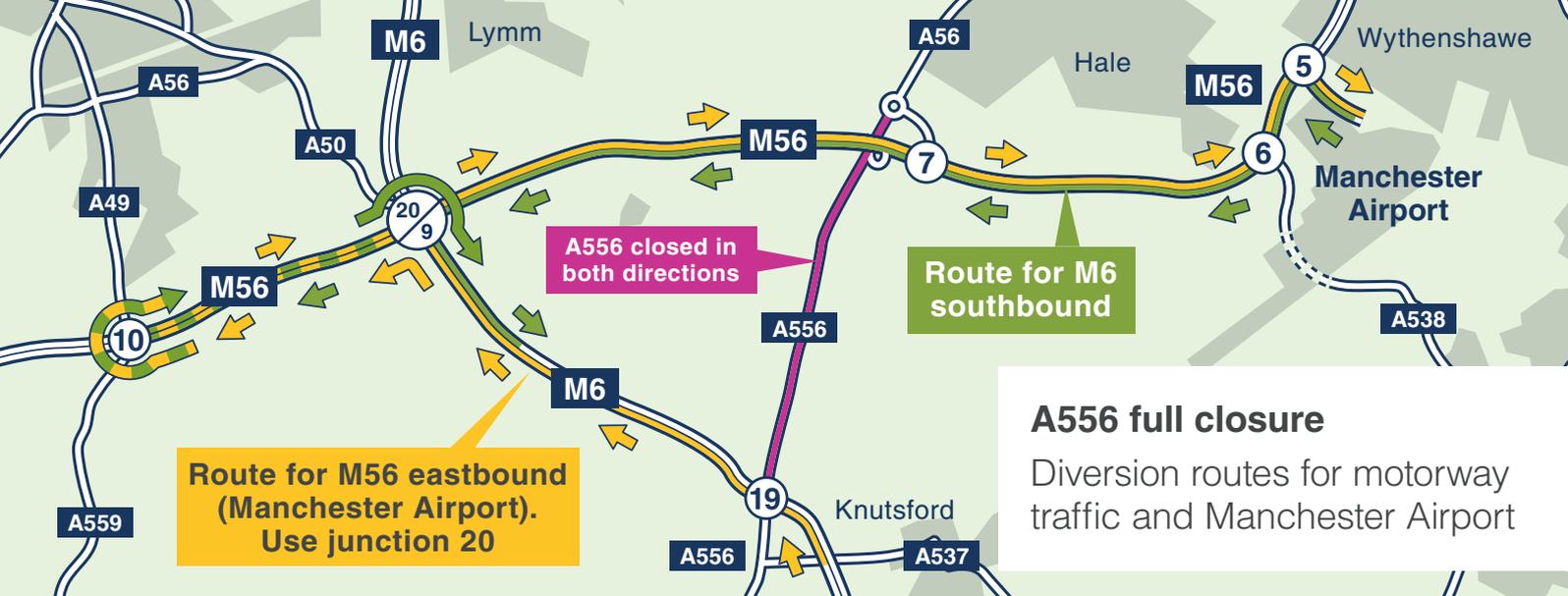
Local traffic can cross the A556 from Rostherne Lane to Millington Lane in both directions under traffic light control.

Marshall controlled access point to travel southbound for Chester Road and Bucklow Hill Lane residents only.

One way system (southbound) on Chester Road for residents and Mere Resort.

Marshall controlled access point for Chester Road and Bentleyhurst Lane residents.

No access from Moss Lane to/from Chester Road.



Diversion routes

Traffic travelling between the M6 and M56 motorways will be diverted along the motorway network (see the map above).

Local traffic will be able to use the A50, Chapel Lane and Mereside Road.

A one way system, travelling southbound, will be in place at Bucklow Hill to allow access for residents and businesses located between the Bucklow Hill and Mere junctions along Chester Road.

Vehicles must use Mereside Road and Chapel Lane to access Chester Road. Traffic marshalls will be at Mere and Bucklow Hill junctions to facilitate this. If you have any queries or will be expecting any deliveries or guests, please email a556hail@costain.com.

Other work

During weekend 1 we will be removing the permanent traffic lights at Bucklow Hill junction and installing temporary lights in readiness for the de-trunking work. The traffic signal controlled pedestrian crossing facility at the junction will no longer be available.

During weekend 2 we will be removing the permanent traffic lights at Mere junction and installing temporary lights in preparation for de-trunking.

We will also take the opportunity during these closures to do other work in readiness for de-trunking Chester Road.

We will need to install temporary traffic lights at Tabley and Millington link roads between the new A556 and Chester Road. The lights will be removed as soon as the roundabouts are fully constructed.

We appreciate that the closures could be potentially disruptive to local residents and road users, but we assure you that we will make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum.

If you require any further information please contact the A556 community team using the details overleaf.

We would like to thank local residents in advance for their patience and co-operation.

De-trunking work

Once the new A556 is open to traffic, work will start to de-trunk Chester Road. The road will be renamed as the B5569 and will be reduced to a single carriageway with a segregated shared user facility for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.

Mere and Bucklow Hill junctions

The junction at Mere crossroads will be re-aligned and the A50 will become the main through route.

It will be a traffic light controlled junction with no restrictions on vehicle movements in any direction.



If you need help accessing this or any other Highways England information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.

Bucklow Hill junction

The junction at Bucklow Hill will also be re-aligned as part of the de-trunking work. The primary route to Knutsford will be via Mereside Road (A5034).

There will be no traffic signals in this location. A pedestrian crossing will be installed on Mereside Road.



Contacting us

If you have any queries relating to construction activities, please do not hesitate to contact the on-site community relations team:

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To view closure and diversion maps and the latest information and updates, please visit our Facebook page or our website where you can also register for scheme-related email updates.



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Work is due to be completed by Autumn 2017.



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