

# M5 J22 - Edithmead Pre-Scheme Update Newsletter 1 - January 2026

Dear Business Owner / Resident,

We can confirm that advance work is taking place from Monday 19 January at the M5 J22 Edithmead roundabout ahead of this major improvement scheme later this year, we will confirm the date as soon as it is confirmed.

Funding for improvements to the A38 between Burnham-on-Sea and Barrow Gurney, a joint project with North Somerset Council (NSC) was given the green light by Government last year, subject to a final business case which is being submitted in summer 2026. In preparation for this, taking into consideration ecological timescales before any work can begin, there are a significant number of trees and vegetation which need to be cleared in preparation. There will be a landscaping package at the conclusion of the project to ensure as much vegetation as possible is replaced around the new road layout.

In addition, Somerset Council has worked in partnership with North Somerset Council to secure external funding for a series of improvement schemes on the stretch of the A38 which runs from the Edithmead Roundabout at Junction 22 of the M5 to the South Bristol Link (Colliters Way). This is necessary because many junctions along the route are operating close to capacity leading to varying travel speeds, poor conditions for pedestrians and cyclists, unreliable journey times and congestion at peak times, along with potential road safety issues.

The key aims of the project are to better connect communities with improved walking and cycling provision, improve safety and journey times on the A38, providing better access to public transport and supporting the regional economy, as well as enabling housing delivery.

Somerset Council's Lead Member for Transport and Waste Services, Councillor Richard Wilkins said: *"It's good to see this important work go ahead, we have lobbied hard to secure the money to improve a busy and vital stretch of the A38 in Somerset... We understand people may be concerned about the clearance – rest assured there will be a full landscaping package for greenery after the project has concluded."*

## Traffic Management

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Work is due to start on Monday 19 January until late March 2026. Traffic management will include lane closures, for the safety of our workforce and pedestrian access, at different times during this period.

## More Information

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