

## Major milestones ahead

Alongside the work taking place on the motorway itself, preparatory work is underway on several bridges to create space for the smart motorway. This includes the New Thames Bridge at Bray which is being widened to accommodate the completed smart motorway. A pontoon is in place to divert the footpath ahead of main work starting in 2020.

The replacement of several bridges also starts in Autumn 2019.

Recreation Ground Road overbridge, primarily a pedestrian and cycle route linking Datchet to Upton Court Park, will be demolished in late September. The M4 between junctions 5 and 6 will be closed over the weekend of **27 - 30 September 2019** for this activity. The new bridge will be in place by Summer 2020. Weekend closures start at approximately 20:00 on the Friday and finish by 06:00 on the Monday.

Marsh Lane overbridge will be demolished in mid-November. The M4 between junctions 6 and 8/9 will be closed over the weekend of **15 - 18 November 2019** for this. Local traffic will be diverted via Lake End Road overbridge until the new Marsh Lane bridge is complete towards the end of 2020.

Monkey Island Lane overbridge preparation work is well underway – construction of the new bridge will begin during the mid-November closure and the existing structure will remain in place until the replacement is ready.

Huntercombe Spur overbridge at junction 7 will be demolished the weekend of **29 November - 2 December 2019**, and the M4 between junctions 6 and 8/9 will again be closed over the weekend. A temporary overbridge will be in place throughout the construction process. This will be installed during the weekend closure of **15 - 18 November 2019** so that there will be minimal interruption to traffic on the junction.

