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**Q1 Why is a new motorway junction being built at Bishopton?**

A1 The construction of a new motorway junction at Bishopton is part of the master plan for the redevelopment of the former Royal Ordnance Factory. Once complete, the junction will connect Bishopton to the wider road network, making it more accessible and will bring economic benefits to the local community, supporting the area's continued regeneration.

**Q2 Why was the motorway junction not constructed earlier in the development?**

A2 During the planning phase of the development, traffic assessments were undertaken to determine the impact of increased traffic on the local infrastructure. These informed the timings for the construction of the new junction which were agreed with Transport Scotland and Renfrewshire Council.

**Q3 What impact will the construction have on local roads?**

A3 As construction of the junction enters the final stages, it will be necessary to introduce temporary speed limits and road closures at certain times. This is for the safety of those passing through the works and those working on the road and alongside it. Drivers are advised that there may be some delays on the local roads and are advised to plan their journeys in advance as there may be an increase in travel time.

From mid-June until mid-July 2019, the A8 (Greenock Road) will be closed from the Red Smiddy roundabout to the Barrangary Road roundabout. A diversion will be in place for motorists, buses and cyclists, and a minibus shuttle service will be provided for pedestrians. After this, roadworks will continue on the A8 until early November and temporary speed restrictions will be in place through this section of the road.

On the M8, there will be hard shoulder closures at various times on both carriageways from mid-April for approximately three months. There will also be night-time lane closures on the eastbound carriageway in early July, and on the westbound carriageway in late August.

Timings of the works may be subject to change and we advise drivers to check [www.roadworksscotland.org](http://www.roadworksscotland.org) for updates.

**Q4 How can I find out when there will be lane closures to local roads and the M8 whilst the works are ongoing?**

A4 Details of any lane closures will be available on Scotland's roadwork register (<https://www.roadworksscotland.org/>).

**Q5 When will the junction be complete?**

A5 The construction of the M8 junction is a three-year project and is due for completion in 2020.

**Q6 Why is it taking three years to construct?**

A6 The construction of the new motorway junction is being done in stages as agreed with Transport Scotland and Renfrewshire Council.

**Q7 What are the stages of construction?**

A7 There are three main stages of the construction process which started in January 2017.

- **Stage one:** This involved the initial ground works, environmental works and services diversions to prepare the ground for construction, and the construction of the embankments (complete)
- **Stage two:** This involves a period of consolidation to allow the underlying ground to settle and compact prior to the completion of the road pavement (in progress and due to complete in summer 2019)
- **Stage three:** This is the final stage which includes the completion of all works, including tying the new road to the existing motorway and A8, signage alterations and surfacing of the road before the road markings and traffic management systems are put in place (approximately 6 months)

**Q8 Is BAE Systems constructing the new junction?**

A8 The construction of the new junction is being undertaken by UK construction and infrastructure company Morgan Sindall which was appointed by BAE Systems in December 2016.

**Q9 Who is funding the works?**

A9 The new motorway junction is being funded by BAE Systems as part of the company's redevelopment of the former Royal Ordnance Factory site in Bishopton and its ongoing investment in the local area.

**Q10 Who will be responsible for maintaining the new junction once it is complete?**

A10 Once complete, BAE Systems will maintain the junction for two years before it is adopted by Transport Scotland. The alterations to the A8 (Greenock Road) will become the responsibility of Renfrewshire Council two year after the completion of the works.

**Q11 Will the construction work disturb local wildlife?**

A11 Protecting the natural habitat and wildlife is a priority for us. Our team of ecologists have already undertaken a number of assessments and ecological surveys before the work began. We will continue to do regular assessments and ongoing monitoring of the natural habitat and local wildlife throughout the construction period.

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