

Central Stort Crossing North – Important Information for Residents

May 2026

Hello,

We're writing to let you know about upcoming transport improvement works in your area, which are starting this month (May 2026).

These works are part of wider plans to improve how people travel around Harlow and the surrounding area – making it easier and safer to get around by walking, cycling and public transport, as well as by car.

Who is delivering the scheme

The scheme is being brought forward by a joint venture between Places for People and Barratt Redrow, with construction carried out by Natta.

The project is funded through Homes England, with Hertfordshire County Council overseeing the funding arrangements on behalf of the Harlow & Gilston Garden Town partnership.

What's happening and why it matters

New homes and communities are being developed across Harlow and Gilston. To support this growth, it's essential to improve transport links now.

Without these improvements, many more journeys would need to be made by car, leading to increased congestion, poorer air quality, and higher carbon emissions.

The improvements will:

- Improve routes along A414 (Eastwick Road) and Fifth Avenue (Zelenskyy Avenue)
- Create better bus, walking and cycling connections
- Improve traffic flow, including changes to Eastwick Roundabout
- Connect to the recently completed improvements between Harlow Town Centre and Burnt Mill roundabout
- Help connect new and existing communities more effectively

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What to expect

Work will begin with the creation of new construction access area from the A414 (Eastwick Road). This will be followed by improvements along the A414 (Eastwick Road) and along Fifth Avenue. Upgrades will also be carried out around Eastwick Roundabout to improve traffic flow.

The scheme is expected to be completed in Winter 2028.

Keeping disruption to a minimum

We understand that works of this scale can be disruptive. Everyone involved is working to minimise impacts, keep roads moving as much as possible, and provide regular updates so you can plan ahead.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while these improvements are carried out.

Find out more and stay updated

Places for People will write directly to nearby residents and businesses with further information.

You can also find out more and stay updated in the following ways:

- For regular updates, please visit: **gilstonparkestate.com**
- For further details provided by Places for People, please visit: **www.gilstonparkestate.com/faqs**
- Get in touch with Places for People's community team on **construction@gilston.info** or **01279 805222**
- Follow traffic updates via **One.network** and report any issues directly via **Gilston.info**

About Harlow & Gilston Garden Town

Harlow & Gilston Garden Town is a partnership of local councils working together to deliver long-term investment in the area.

- New homes including affordable housing
- Schools, community spaces and essential services
- Improvements to Harlow town centre
- New jobs and economic opportunities
- Modern, sustainable transport networks

For more information, please visit: **www.hggt.co.uk**

Yours faithfully



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On behalf of the Harlow & Gilston Garden Town partnership



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