



WORKS NOTIFICATION

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**A428 Black Cat to Caxton
Gibbet improvement scheme**

A1, A421, and Bedford Road weekend closures

Road layout change at Black Cat roundabout

15 August 2025

What is happening?

We are writing to inform you about upcoming changes to the Black Cat roundabout that will be in place from 15 August 2025. To complete the changes, there will be weekend closures of the A1, A421 and Bedford Road from 9pm on Friday 15 August to 5am Monday 18 August 2025. Details for the upcoming closures including times and locations are shown on the table below. Clear signage will be placed along the diversion routes.

Why is this needed?

Construction of the new three-tiered Black Cat junction began in late 2023 and is expected to be completed by spring 2027. Upcoming traffic changes will allow work to begin on building key parts of the new A421 flyover and lowering the A1 carriageway. Excavation work will also start, creating space for A1 traffic to pass beneath the new junction.

Only travel if necessary

We expect the diversion routes to be extremely busy during the weekend closures of the A1 northbound and A421. If you're planning to travel through the Black Cat roundabout or the surrounding area, please think carefully about your journey and only travel if it's absolutely necessary.

Road layout change at Black Cat roundabout

From Monday 18 August, the road layout at Black Cat roundabout will have changed. Here's what you need to know:

- A421 eastbound traffic will use the new free-flow link for a smooth, continuous journey onto the A1 northbound.
- A421 westbound traffic can now join the A421 using the new on-slip from the Black Cat roundabout.
- The northern part of the roundabout remains closed. If you're travelling south on the A1 from the A421, please use the A603 joining the A1 at Sandy.
- The realigned Bedford Road will be open to traffic.



These changes help keep traffic moving safely while we continue work. We know this may cause some disruption and appreciate your patience as we improve journeys between Milton Keynes, Bedford, and Cambridgeshire.

Table showing upcoming closures on the A421 and A1

Closure Start Date	Closure End Date	Location
Friday 15 August, 9pm (Weekend Closure)	Monday 18 August, 5am (Weekend Closure)	A421 eastbound between Cardington and Black Cat and A421 westbound between Black Cat and Renhold interchange.
Friday 15 August, 9pm (Weekend Closure)	Monday 18 August, 5am (Weekend Closure)	A1 northbound between Tempsford and Wyboston
Friday 15 August, 9pm (Weekend Closure)	Monday 18 August, 5am (Weekend Closure)	Bedford Road between Roxton Road Bridge and Black Cat roundabout

The precise dates and times of the works may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

Maps showing diversion routes



What is the diversion route for the A421 eastbound and westbound during the closure weekend?

- **Eastbound traffic:** Exit the A421 at Cardington and follow the A603 towards Sandy.
- **Westbound traffic:** Continue on the A1 southbound to Sandy, then take the A603 towards Bedford.

What is the diversion route for the A1 northbound during the closure weekend?

- Exit the A1 northbound at Tempsford, continue north on Barford Road until you reach the A428 roundabout. Head west along the A428 and then back on the A1 northbound at Wyboston.

Keeping you updated

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