

Fiveways to Thetford **A11** improvement

Fiveways roundabout reconstruction –
closure and diversion routes

October 2013



Introduction

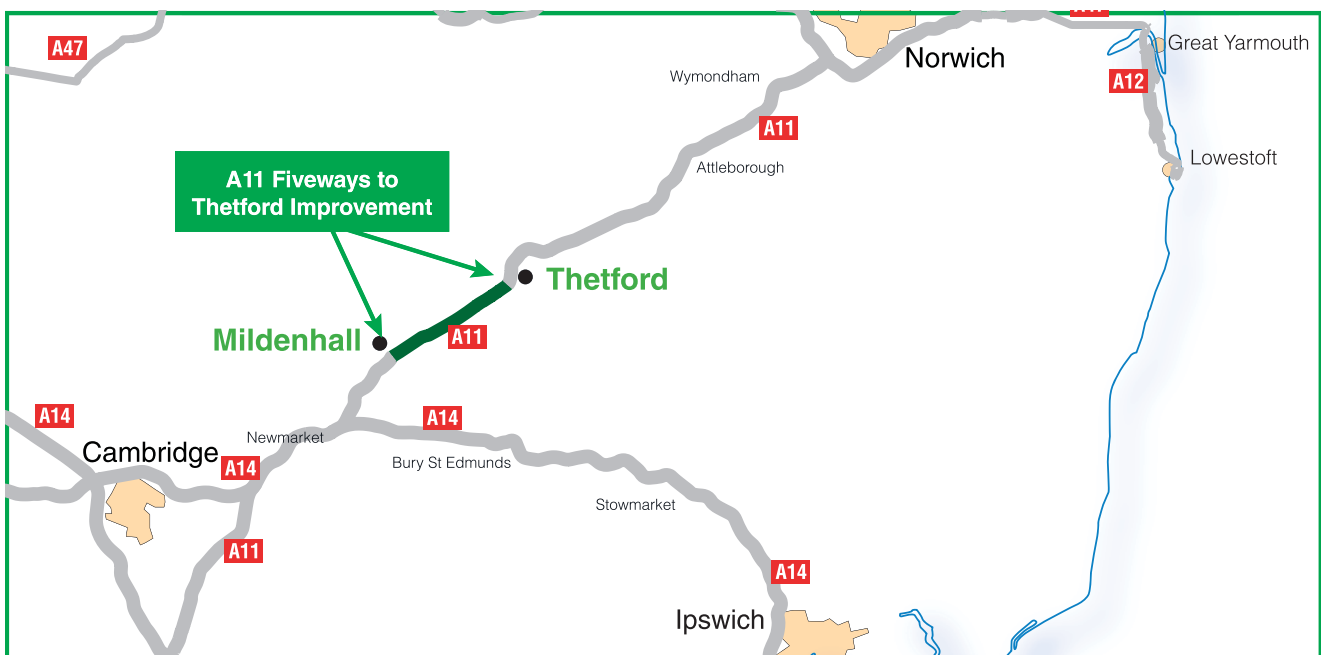
The A11 is a strategically important section of the trunk road network between the M11 motorway and Norwich and is the last section of single carriageway. Congestion and unreliable journey times are significant problems with a conflict between fast moving road traffic and slow-moving agricultural vehicles directly accessing the A11.

The main objectives of the scheme are to complete dualling of the carriageway between the M11 and Norwich, reduce congestion, and improve road safety and journey time reliability.

Upgrading the A11 to dual carriageway was started on 24 January 2013. The improvement scheme runs from the A11 Fiveways roundabout at Barton Mills in Suffolk to the A11 South Thetford roundabout at Thetford Norfolk. The scheme will widen 5.5 miles of an existing section of A11 to a dual carriageway, with a completely new 3.6 mile section built as a bypass around Elveden village.

The road construction will take two years to complete and include archaeological excavations and alterations to farm tracks within the Elveden estate. As the development of this section of the A11 lies within an area known as 'The Brecks' or 'Breckland' - an area of considerable ecological, archaeological and landscape value - work will also include habitat creation and the movement of protected species of wildlife to new habitats.

The A11 will remain open throughout the work, with access maintained to all properties. Short-term local diversions may be required during the construction of some of the bridges. Construction work and traffic will also be managed to minimise impacts on local residents, including putting in place restricted access to the local road network.



Forthcoming work at Fiveways roundabout

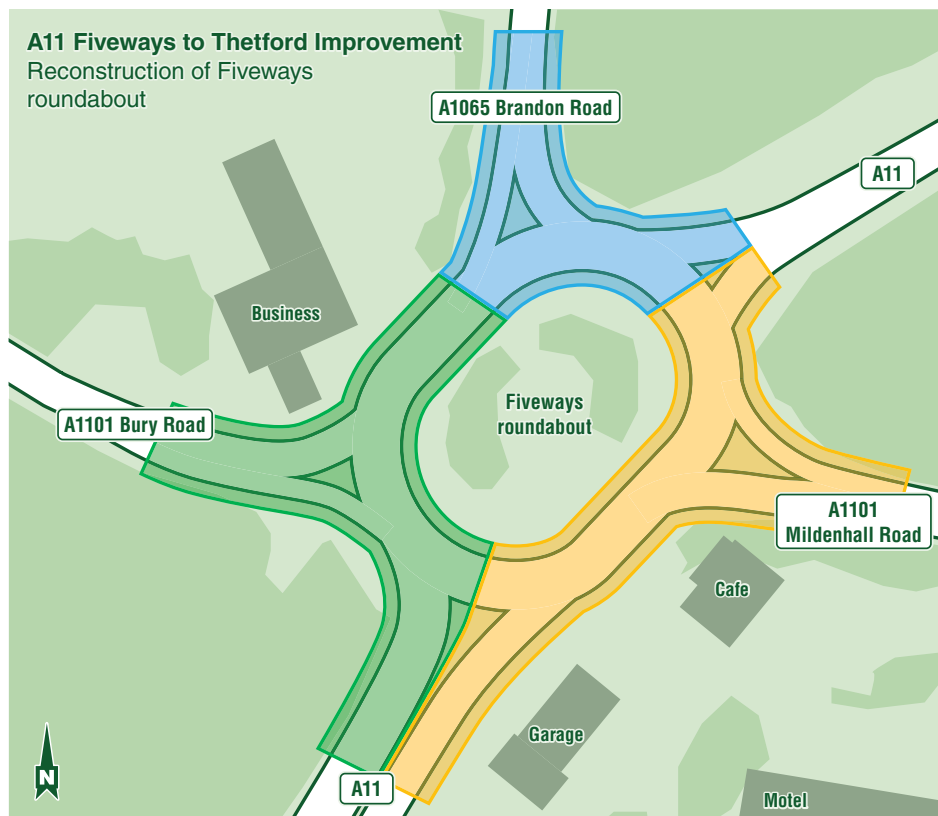
From July to September 2013 there will be a series of overnight lane closures at the roundabout for five nights per week, from 8pm to 6am. This is to allow preparatory work to be carried out.

Following this, there will be three weekends where traffic using Fiveways roundabout will be significantly disrupted - during this time the roundabout will be closed in three sections as shown on the drawing below.

Weekend 1 - northbound closure of A11, 10pm on Friday 4 October to 6am on Monday 7 October. No access to/from or within the area coloured green.

Weekend 2 - northbound closure of A11, 10pm on Friday 11 October to 6am on Monday 14 October. No access to/from or within the area coloured blue.

Weekend 3 - southbound closure of A11, 8pm on Friday 18 October to 5am on Monday 21 October. No access to/from or within the area coloured yellow.

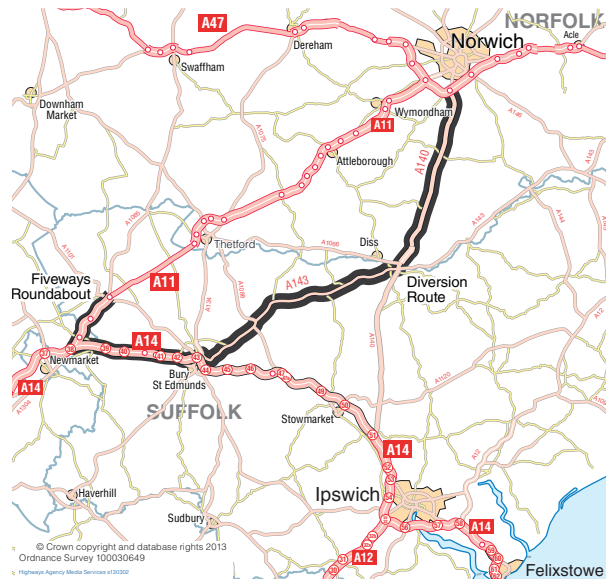
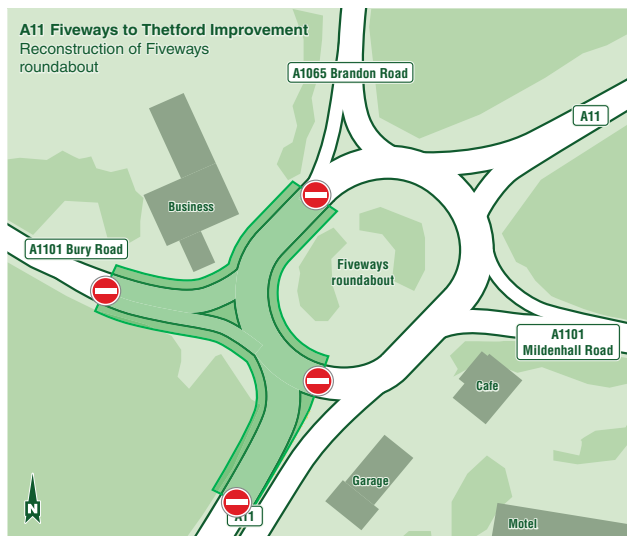
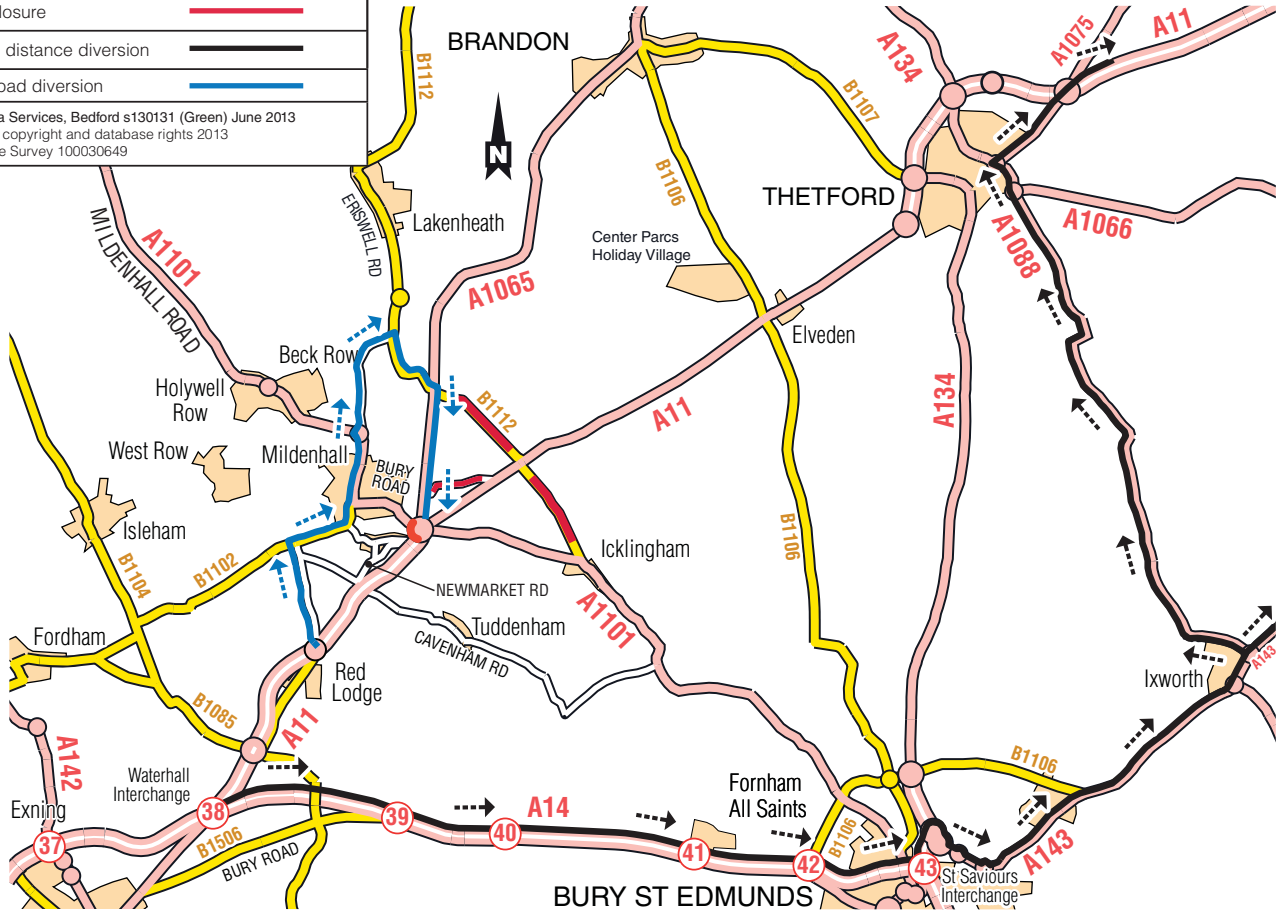


A fourth weekend of 25-27 October 2013 will be used as a contingency, if required.

The following pages give you details of the strategic and local diversion routes to be used throughout the duration of this work. Please note: traffic management is subject to change at any time and all diversion routes will be signed accordingly.

All information will be made available on our scheme website:
www.highways.gov.uk/a11fiveways-to-thetford.

A11 Trunk Road Fiveways Roundabout	
Road closure	
All long distance diversion	
Local road diversion	
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Diversion description - weekend 1

A11 long distance traffic diversion via the A14 eastbound (the black route)

Norwich and coast bound traffic

1. At the A14 junction 38 (A14/A11 Waterhall interchange), follow A14 eastbound to junction 43 St Saviours.
2. Follow A143 towards Diss
3. Turn left onto A140 towards Norwich.

Thetford area bound traffic

1. As before
2. Follow A143 towards Ixworth
3. At roundabout take first exit onto A1088
4. At roundabout take first exit onto A1066
5. At roundabout take the third exit onto A1075 to rejoin the A11.

Local traffic: A11 northbound (the blue route)

1. At Red Lodge interchange, take the B1085 to the roundabout with the C610 Newmarket road.
2. Take the first exit onto the C610; follow until the junction with B1102.
3. Turn right and follow B1102 to roundabout with the A1101, take the first exit onto the A1101.
4. Follow the A1101 to the roundabout with the C602 (Eriswell road), take the second exit.
5. Follow C602 to the junction with B1112, turn right and continue on B1112 to the junction with the A1065, turn right.
6. Follow A1065 to the A11 Barton Mills (Fiveways) roundabout and take the first exit for the A11 northbound.

Local traffic: A11 Northbound via the A1101 Mildenhall Road.

1. At the A11 Barton Mills (Fiveways) roundabout, take the A11 southbound to Red Lodge Interchange, take the exit.
2. Take B1085 to the roundabout with the C610 Newmarket road.

3. Take first exit onto the C610 and continue to the junction with the B1102.
4. Turn right and follow B1102 to roundabout with the A1101, take the first exit onto the A1101.
5. Follow the A1101 to the roundabout with the C602 (Eriswell road), take the second exit.
6. Follow C602 to the junction with B1112, turn right and continue on B1112 to the junction with A1065, turn right.
7. Follow A1065 to the A11 Barton Mills (Fiveways) roundabout and take the first exit for the A11 northbound.

Local traffic: Access to the A11 via the A1101 Bury Road.

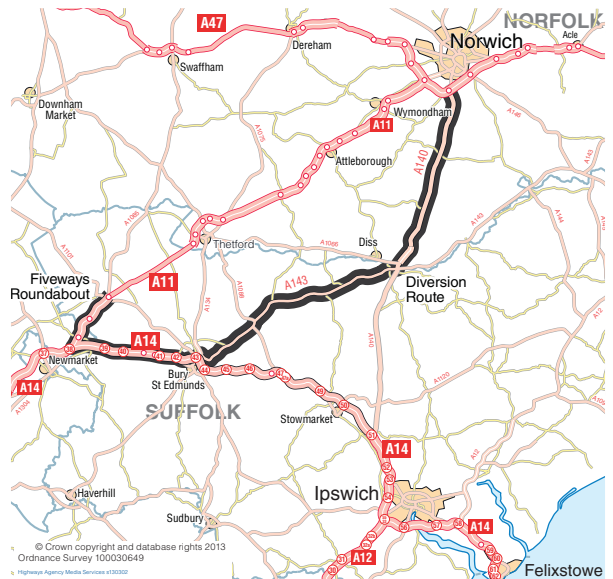
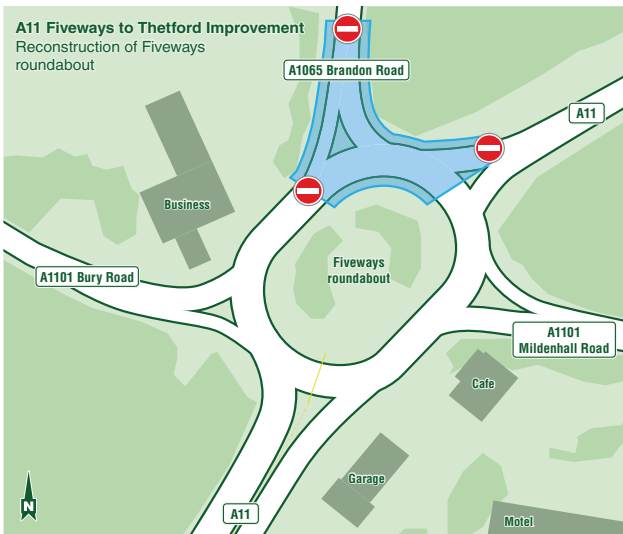
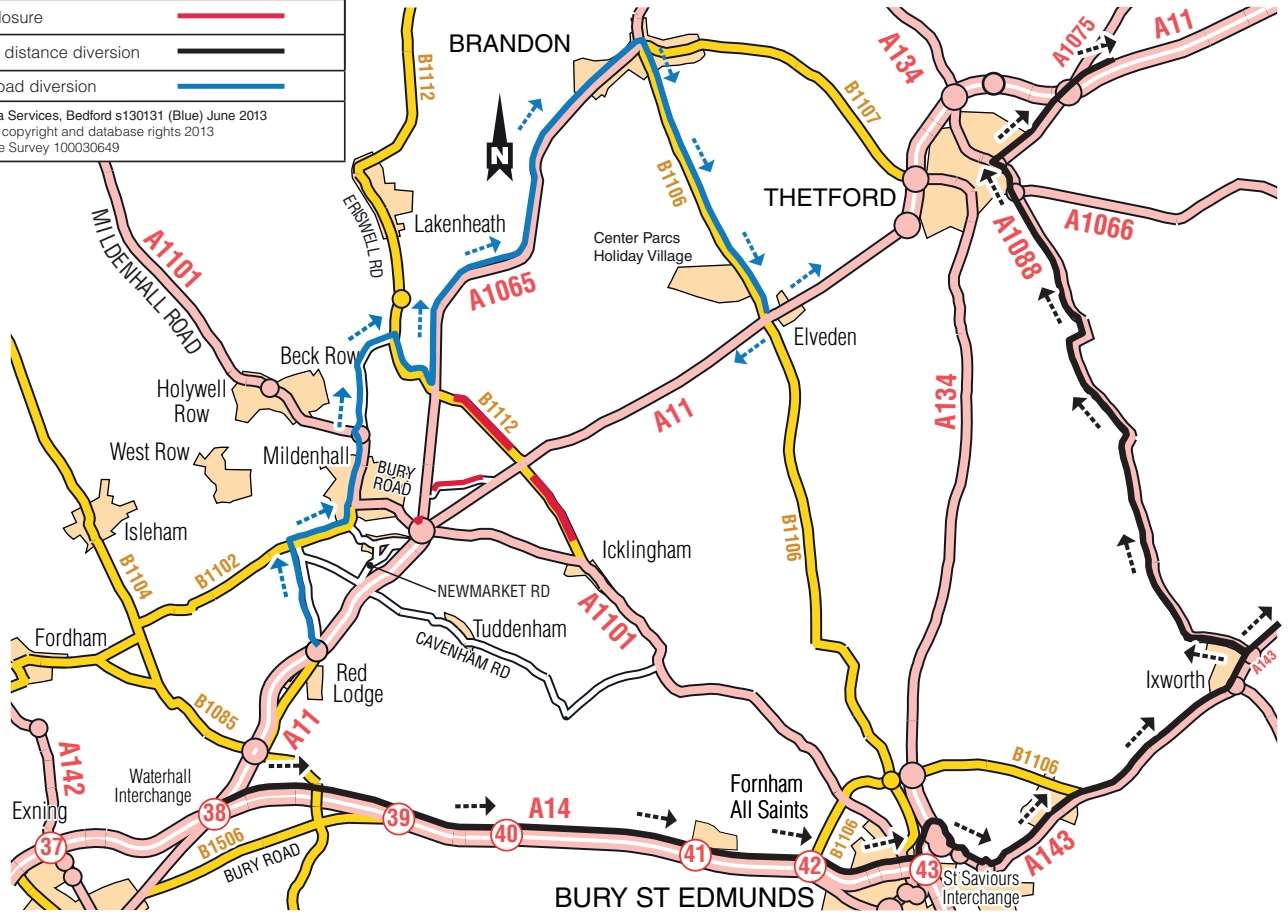
A11 northbound

1. Follow A1101 to the roundabout with the C602 (Eriswell road), take the second exit.
2. Follow the C602 to the junction with the B1112, turn right.
3. Continue on B1112 to the junction with the A1065, turn right.
4. Follow the A1065 to the A11 Barton Mills (Fiveways) roundabout and take first exit for the A11 northbound.

A11 Southbound

1. Follow A1101 to the junction with B1102.
2. Continue to the junction with the C610 (Newmarket road), turn left.
3. Follow the C610 to A11 Red Lodge Interchange take the second exit at the first roundabout then take the fourth exit at the second roundabout onto the A11 southbound.

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Diversion description – weekend 2

A11 long distance traffic diversion via the A14 eastbound (the black route)

Norwich and coast bound traffic

1. At the A14 junction 38 (A14/A11 Waterhall interchange), follow A14 eastbound to junction 43 St Saviours.
2. Follow A143 towards Diss
3. Turn left onto A140 towards Norwich.

Thetford area bound traffic

1. As before
2. Follow A143 towards Ixworth
3. At roundabout take first exit onto A1088
4. At roundabout take first exit onto A1066
5. At roundabout take the third exit onto A1075 to rejoin the A11.

Local traffic: A11 northbound (the blue route)

1. At the Red Lodge interchange, take the B1085 to the roundabout with C610 Newmarket road.
2. Take first exit onto the C610; follow until the junction with the B1102.
3. Turn right and follow the B1102 to roundabout with the A1101, take the first exit onto the A1101.
4. Follow the A1101 to the roundabout with the C602 (Eriswell road), take the second exit.
5. Follow C602 to the junction with B1112, turn right and continue on B1112 to the junction with the A1065, turn left
6. Follow the A1065 to the junction with the B1106, turn right.
7. Continue on B1106 to the junction with the A11 at Elveden crossroads, turn left onto A11 northbound.

Local traffic: Access to the A11 via the A1101 Mildenhall Road.

A11 northbound

1. At the A11 Barton Mills (Fiveways) roundabout, take second exit onto the A1101.
2. Follow A1101 to the roundabout with the C602 (Eriswell road), take the second exit.

3. Follow the C602 to the junction with B1112, turn right and continue on B1112 to the junction with A1065, turn left
4. Follow the A1065 to the junction with the B1106, turn right.
5. Continue on B1106 to the junction with the A11 at Elveden crossroads, turn left onto the A11 northbound.

Local traffic: Access to the A11 via the A1101 Bury Road.

A11 northbound

1. Follow A1101 to the roundabout with C602 (Eriswell road), take the second exit.
2. Follow C602 to the junction with B1112, turn right and continue on B1112 to the junction with A1065, turn left
3. Follow the A1065 to the junction with the B1106, turn right.
4. Continue on the B1106 to the junction with A11 at Elveden crossroads, turn left onto A11 northbound.

A11 southbound

1. Follow the A1101 and take the exit onto the B1102.
2. Follow the B1102 to the junction with the C610 Newmarket road, turn left.
3. Continue on C610 to the A11 Red Lodge Interchange, at the first roundabout take second exit.
4. At the second roundabout, take the fourth exit onto the A11 southbound.

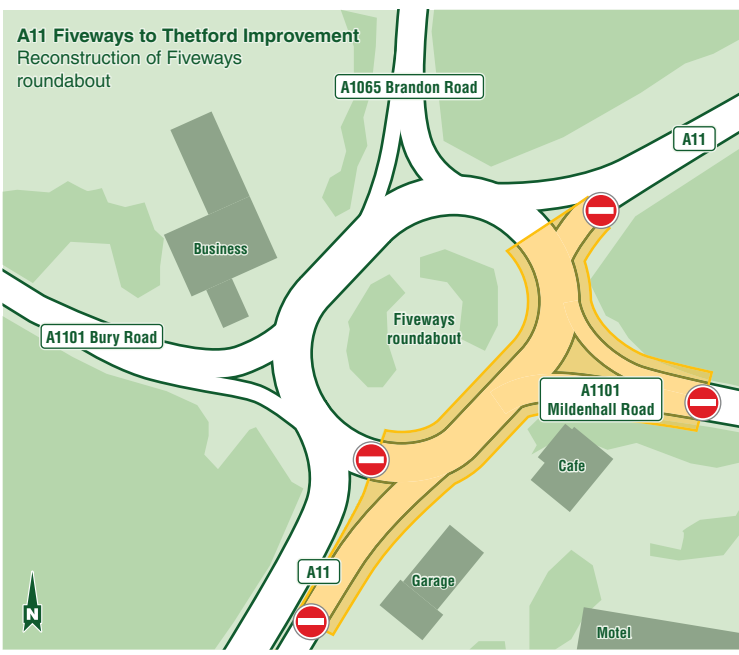
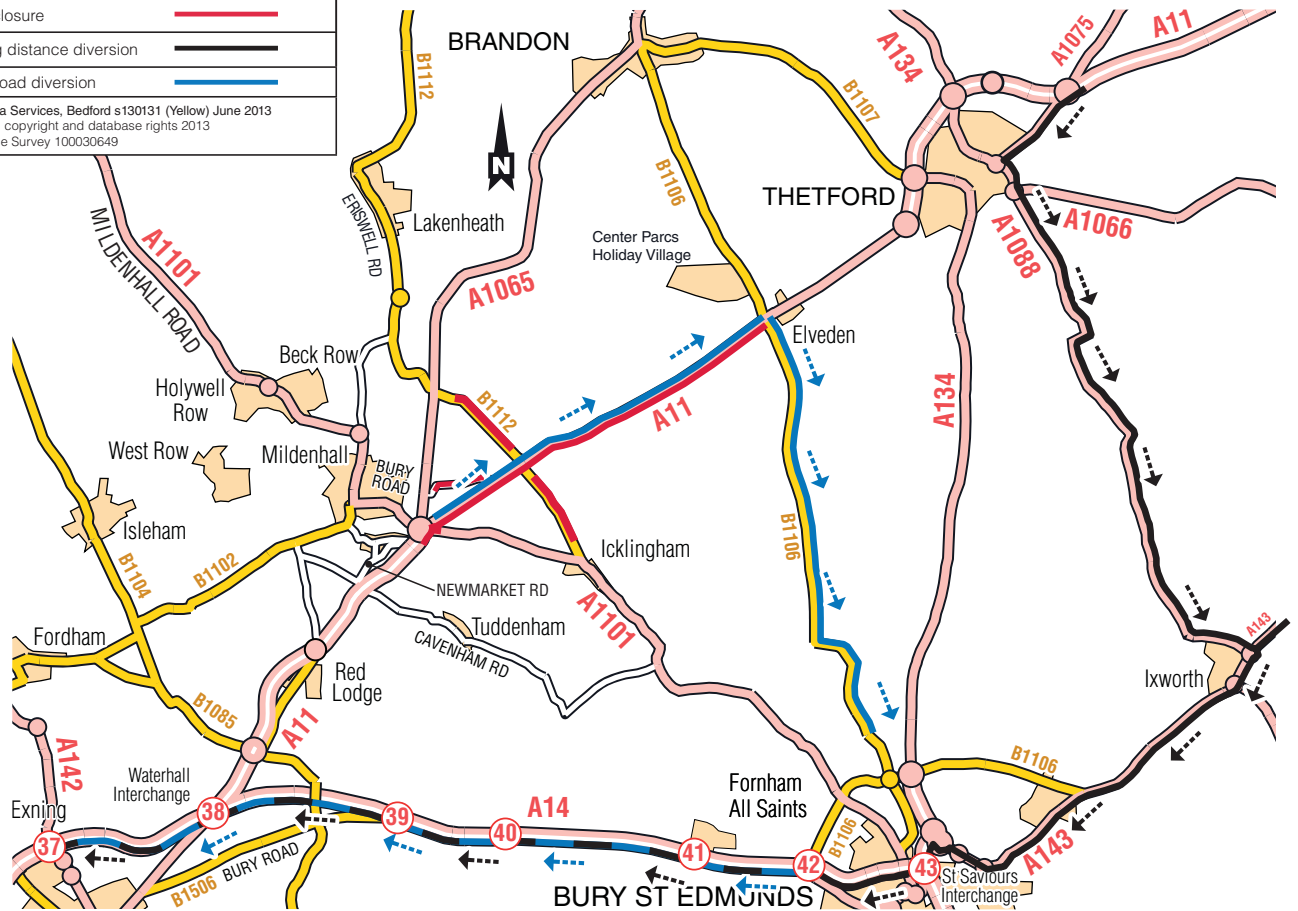
Local traffic: Towards Barton Mills (Fiveways) roundabout via the A1065 and B1107

1. Follow signage to the junction with the B1106.
2. Follow the B1106 to the junction with the A11 Elveden crossroads, turn right onto the A11 southbound.

Local traffic: joining the A1065 northbound prior to Brandon.

1. Follow the A1065 to the junction with the B1106, turn right.
2. Follow B1106 to the junction with the A11 Elveden crossroads, turn right onto the A11 southbound.

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Diversion description – weekend 3

A11 long distance traffic diversion via the A140, A143 and A14 westbound (the black route)

1. From the A11 just west of Norwich, turn southeast onto the A47
2. Follow the A47 eastbound to A140 roundabout
3. Follow A140 towards Diss
4. Turn left onto the A413 towards Bury St Edmunds
5. At the junction 43, follow the A14 to junction 38
6. Rejoin A11 westbound

A11 southbound traffic leaving the Thetford area

1. On the A11 at the A1075 roundabout, take the first exit.
2. Follow the A1075 to the roundabout with the A1066, take the first exit.
3. Follow the A1066 to the roundabout with the A1088, take the second exit.
4. Follow the A1088 to the roundabout with the A143 towards Ixworth, take the third exit.
5. Follow A143 to the roundabout with A14 junction 43 St Saviours; take fourth exit onto the A14 westbound.

Local Traffic on A1101 Bury Road and A1065 southbound (the blue route)

1. At the A11 Barton Mills (Fiveways) roundabout, take the exit onto the A11 northbound.
2. Follow A11 to the B1106 Elveden crossroads, turn right.
3. Continue on the B1106 to the roundabout with the A134, take the third exit.
4. Follow A134 to the roundabout with the A14 junction 43 St Saviours take fourth exit onto the A14 westbound.

To return to the A11:

1. Take the exit at the A14 westbound at junction 37, Exning.
2. At the top of the slip road junction with the A142, turn right.
3. At the slip road junction with the A14

eastbound, turn right. Follow the A14 eastbound to the junction 38 the A14/A11 Waterhall Interchange.

4. Take the A11 northbound.

For the A1101:

1. At the B1106 roundabout with the junction of A134, take the exit towards Fornham All Saints and the A1101.

Local Traffic on the A1065 and B1107 southbound prior to Brandon.

1. At Brandon, follow the B1106 to the A11 Elveden crossroads.
2. Go straight over and follow the B1106 to the roundabout with the A134, take the third exit.
3. Follow A134 to the roundabout with A14 junction 43 St Saviours; take the fourth exit onto the A14 westbound.

To return to the A11:

1. Take the exit at the A14 westbound at junction 37, Exning.
2. At the top of the slip road junction with the A142, turn right.
3. At the slip road junction with the A14 eastbound, turn right.
4. Follow the A14 eastbound to the junction 38 the A14/A11 Waterhall Interchange.
5. Take the A11 northbound.

For the A1101:

1. At the B1106 roundabout with the junction of the A134, take the exit towards Fornham All Saints and the A1101.

Local Traffic on A1101 Mildenhall Road.

1. Follow the A1101 to the C626 Icknield Way junction.
2. Follow the C626 to the junction with the C627 Cavenham road, turn right.
3. Follow C627 through Tuddenham to the A11 southbound junction, turn left onto the A11 southbound.

To return to the A11:

1. Follow the A11 southbound to Red Lodge, take the exit slip.
2. At the roundabout take the fourth exit.
3. At the next roundabout take the third exit onto the A11 northbound.



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