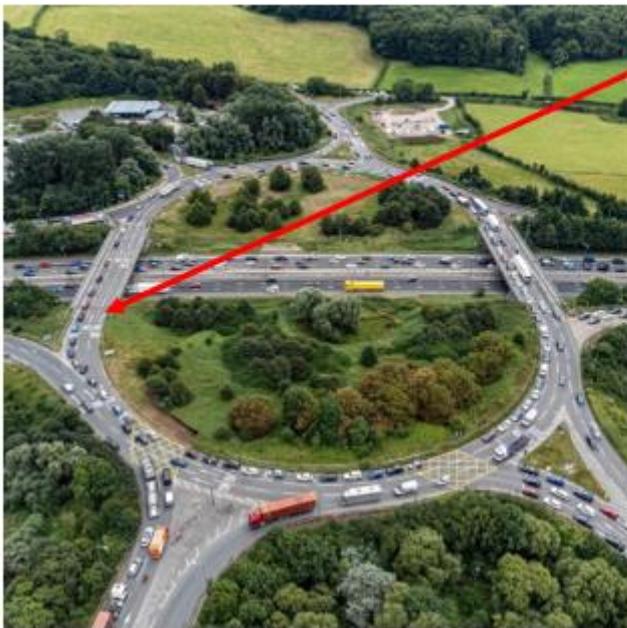


**PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE TO HIGHWAYS ENGLAND ONLINE TOOL
NOVEMBER 2021**

- Closure of the M5 between junction 19 and 20 results in excessive traffic in Portishead.
- Residents struggle to get out of the Town using the Portbury Hundred.
- Congestion to Clevedon from Portishead on A roads when the motorway is closed.
- Police HQ is on the outskirts of Portishead and would be severely affected by congestion and other emergency vehicles.
- It's the A369 Bristol bound traffic having to share a lane with the services traffic causing the biggest problem at the moment.
- The M5 lanes are usually empty/almost empty, so it seems ridiculous that the middle (left M5 South) lane on the roundabout can't revert back to being for the M5 and the A369.
- The traffic queueing from the services/A369 lane goes right the way back round to the A369 - it's basically a continuous loop of traffic. This impacts vehicles leaving the M5 from the South, and trying to get out of Portishead, as well as people coming from the direction of the docks.
- Photo provided was taken recently, so not during the Summer, when the services are much busier.
- This current system causes people to get frustrated and use the wrong lane before then cutting in at the last minute - either just after the M5 North turn, cutting in from the left (to avoid the Portbury Hundred queue in the right-hand lane) or at the A369 turn, cutting in from the right (to avoid the queue in the services lane on the roundabout).
- Travelling on the A369 to J19 roundabout towards Portishead drivers can be forced to take the slip to M5 Motorway towards Clevedon to avoid clashing with vehicles coming around the roundabout.

Evidence



Single Lane Issue

An online petition has been identified: [Petition · M5 junction 19 new roundabout layout · Change.org](#) with 369 signatures currently providing comments.