

# **Press release: Planned roadworks in Kent and Sussex: weekly summary for Monday 6 February to Sunday 12 February 2017**

The following summary of planned new and ongoing road improvements over the coming week is correct as of 2 February but could be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. All our improvement work is carried out with the aim of causing as little disruption as possible.

## **M20 junction 4, Maidstone, Kent: junction improvement**

Work by Kent County Council to improve journeys by adding an additional lane to the roundabout continues this week.

There will be full carriageway closures in both directions at the junction on Monday 6 February for 2 nights, between 9pm and 5am. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the exit and entry slip roads at the junction.

For further information on the project, [visit Kent County Council's website.](#)

## **M20 junctions 3 – 5, Kent: smart motorway surveys**

Work to improve journeys continue this week on the M20 between junctions 3 & 5. There will be various lane closures in both directions on Monday 6 February for 5 nights, between 8pm and 6am. Surveys are scheduled to be complete in April 2017.

## **M20 junctions 5 – 10, Kent: litter & gully clearance**

Work to improve journeys take place this week on the M20 between junctions 5 & 10.

There will be a full closure of the junction 5 entry slip eastbound overnight on Monday 6 February between 8pm and 6am. There will be a clearly signed diversion in place via junction 4 of the motorway.

There will be a full closure of the junction 6 entry slip eastbound overnight on Tuesday 7 February between 8pm and 6am. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 5 of the motorway.

There will be a full closure of the junction 6 exit slip eastbound overnight on Wednesday 8 February between 8pm and 6am. A clearly signed diversion will

be in place via junction 7 of the motorway.

There will be a full closure of the junction 7 entry slip eastbound overnight on Thursday 9 February between 8pm and 6am. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 8 of the motorway.

There will be a lane 2 closure on the junction 8 exit slip eastbound overnight on Friday 10 February between 8pm and 6am.

There will be a full closure of the junction 8 entry slip eastbound overnight on Saturday 11 February between 8pm and 6am. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 7 of the motorway.

There will be a full closure of the junction 10 entry slip eastbound overnight on Sunday 12 February between 8pm and 6am. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 9 of the motorway.

## **M23 Junctions 8 – 10a, South Nutfield to Crawley: smart motorway surveys**

Work to improve journeys continue this week on the M23 between junctions 8 & 10a. There will be various lane closures in place in both directions overnight on Monday 6 February for 5 nights, between 8pm and 6am. Surveys are scheduled to be complete in April 2017.

## **A2 Darenth to Bean, Kent: carriageway resurfacing**

Work to improve journeys continue this week on the A2. There will be a full closure of the eastbound carriageway at the junction of Darenth A282 on Monday 6 February for 5 nights between 10pm and 6am. There will be a clearly signed diversion route via the exit and entry slip roads. Works are scheduled to be complete in early March 2017.

## **A21 Tonbridge to Pembury, Kent: major improvement**

Work to improve journeys on the A21 between Tonbridge and Pembury continues this week. A 40mph speed limit remains in place 24/7 between the Vauxhall interchange and the A228.

A full closure will be in place overnight between 8pm and 6am on Thursday 9 February on the southbound carriageway between Quarry Hill and Longfield roundabout and on the northbound carriageway between Longfield roundabout and Vauxhall interchange. In addition Longfield Road will be closed in both directions between Longfield roundabout and Knights Park roundabout. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A26, A2014, A26 and the A228.

Two way traffic lights will be in place on the A21 overnight between 8pm and 6am from Monday 6 February for three nights and overnight on Friday 10 February.

Tonbridge Road will remain closed after Pembury Hospital up to and including Longfield Road roundabout until Spring 2017. A clearly signed diversion route will be in place via the A228 and the A21.

The scheme is due to be completed in Summer 2017.

For further information [visit the scheme website](#).

## **A27 Pevensey, East Sussex: resurfacing works**

Work to improve journeys commence this week on the A27 between the Polegate bypass, and the A259 Pevensey junction. The eastbound carriageway will be closed overnight between Monday 6 February for 5 nights, between 8pm and 6am. There will be a clearly signed diversion via the A22, A2290 and A259. Works are expected to be completed by the end of February.

### **General enquiries**

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### **Media enquiries**

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## **[News story: Local public health intelligence online community](#)**

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Keep up to date with local health intelligence, join our community on Knowledge Hub.

Public Health England (PHE) is piloting an online space on [Knowledge Hub](#) to share information about local knowledge and intelligence products and services. Our Local Knowledge and Intelligence Service (LKIS) will run the space.

Knowledge Hub gives PHE in each geographical PHE Centre location, a way to make it easier for local partners to keep up to date with the relevant health

intelligence relating to their area, and to take part in discussions.

The initial phase, focussing on knowledge and intelligence, is based on user needs identified as part of the transition work on legacy Public Health Observatory (PHO) websites.

The content includes:

- information about our local knowledge and intelligence service
- discussion forums for people working in local public health
- links to the content from old PHO websites on national archives

We have also improved content on GOV.UK about [PHE centres](#), the local presence of PHE.

If you want to join Knowledge Hub, you'll need to [open an account first](#) then find and register with your local group below:

The old local PHO websites will be:

- closed
- redirected to Knowledge Hub
- a snapshot will be on National Archives

We will be undertaking further work about transitioning national health intelligence content on the old PHO websites such as health economics, mental health, cardiovascular and child and maternal health.

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## [News story: Justice Secretary visits frontline staff in Bristol delivering key prison and court reform work](#)

Justice Secretary Elizabeth Truss today (3 February 2017) paid tribute to the vital work of staff across our justice system as she met with teams at HMP Bristol and the Bristol Civil and Family Justice Centre to hear about their experiences.

The visit comes after the Justice Secretary announced a major package of reforms to improve safety in prisons – including an additional £100 million to bolster frontline staff by 2,500 with almost £460,000 allocated to HMP Bristol. This is in addition to our £1 billion investment to improve access to justice and the experience for all court users, in particular vulnerable victims, witnesses and children.

HMP Bristol is already making improvements to safety and security thanks to over £400,000 funding for the prison. This includes extra money to roll out

CCTV across the prison in order to deter violence, as well as introducing a number of interventions for emotional support such as anger management.

Today the Secretary of State sat down with the Governor and prison officers at HMP Bristol to hear first-hand the challenges they face and how the reforms and increased investment is helping.

Speaking after the visit, Elizabeth Truss said:

Our prisons need to be places of safety and reform and our dedicated frontline staff are vital to achieving this ambition.

The impressive work being done day in day out by the HMP Bristol officers I met today is too often unnoticed, but it is crucial to reducing reoffending and improving public safety. I will continue to listen to them and all prison staff as we deliver on our important reforms.

Later at Bristol Civil and Family Justice Centre Ms Truss met with senior judges and frontline staff to see some of the impressive work being delivered to digitise our courts and speed up the delivery of justice. This includes increasing the use of video links – cutting the need for time-pressed people to travel back and forth to court buildings – and developing plans for simple, online systems so civil disputes can be resolved more quickly.

The visit also follows urgent steps taken by Ministers to ban perpetrators of domestic abuse from cross-examining their victims within the family court system.

Elizabeth Truss said:

We have a world leading legal system but I am committed to modernising our courts to make the experience more straightforward for all users.

It is vital that justice is efficient and simple, and the impressive work being done by the dedicated court staff I met today shows how we can make the best use of technology and simplify processes to improve access to justice and the experience for all court users.

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# West Midlands: weekly summary for Monday 6 February to Sunday 12 February 2017

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## **A38 – Alrewas to Cappers Lane and associated slip roads: carriageway repairs**

Southbound carriageway and associated slip road closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 8 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A38M – M6 links from out of city A38M: carriageway repairs**

Links from out of city A38M will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 9 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A38M – M6 links to intercity A38M: maintenance scheme**

Links to intercity A38M will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 11 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A449 – Gailey roundabout to Brewood Road: carriageway repairs**

Southbound carriageway will be closed for 24 hours from 8pm 10 February until 6am 13 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A449 – Gailey roundabout to Brewood Road: carriageway repairs**

Northbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A456 – M5 junction 3 gyratory: carriageway repairs**

The Gyratory will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February

until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

### **A46 –A46/A452 slip road: carriageway works**

Eastbound entry slip road will be closed overnight between 9.30pm and 6am from 7 February until 9 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

### **A46 Sedgeberrow to Evesham: drainage works**

Carriageway will be closed in both directions overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

### **A46 – Oversley to Shotton: carriageway repairs**

Carriageway will be closed in both directions overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

### **A5 – Gledrid roundabout and all approaches: widening scheme**

Roundabout and associated approaches will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

### **A5 – Wall Island to Muckley Corner: carriageway resurfacing**

Westbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 7pm and 6.30am from 8 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

### **A5 – Chase Road to Rising Sun island: carriageway resurfacing**

Westbound Carriageway including a partial closure of the Rising Sun island will be closed overnight for one night from 9pm 7 February until 6am the following morning (8 February). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

### **A5 – Holy Lane to Spon Lane Including the turning to Whittington: carriageway repairs**

Carriageway will be closed in both directions overnight for one night from 9pm 6 February until 6am the following morning (7 February). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A483 – Welsh border to A5 Mile End: electrical works**

Carriageway will be closed in both directions overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 11 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A50 – Meir Tunnel to Stanley Matthews Way: carriageway repairs**

Westbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A50 – Heron Cross to Meir Tunnel: carriageway repairs**

Eastbound carriageway including associated slip roads will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A50 – Meir Tunnel to Alhambra Interchange: carriageway repairs**

Westbound carriageway including associated slip roads will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A50 – Meir Interchange exit slip road to Catchems Corner: carriageway repairs**

Eastbound Carriageway including associated slip roads will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A50 – Heron Cross exit slip road to Foley Road: carriageway repairs**

Eastbound carriageway including associated slip roads will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A50 – Foley Road exit slip road to Trentham Road exit slip road to Foley Road: carriageway repairs**

Eastbound carriageway including associated slip roads will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6th February until 12th February. A



diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A50 – Blythe Bridge entry slip road to Meir Tunnel: carriageway repairs**

Westbound carriageway including associated slip roads will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A50 – Heron Cross to Stanley Matthews including Blurton entry slip road: carriageway repairs**

The Westbound carriageway including the associated slip Roads will be closed for 24 hours from 6am 6th February until 8pm 12th February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A50 – Blurton Road entry slip road: carriageway repairs**

Westbound entry slip road will be closed for 24 hours from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A500 – Talke junction gyratory: carriageway repairs**

Eastside of the gyratory will be closed for 24 hours from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A5127 – Gravelly Hill merge onto A38M: carriageway repairs**

Carriageway will be closed overnight from 9pm 6 February until 6am 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M40 – junction 16 link to M42 junction 3a: carriageway repairs**

Northbound link road will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 February until 8 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M40 – M42 junction 3a Link to M40 Junction 16: carriageway works**

Southbound link road will be closed overnight for one night from 9pm 7 February until 6am the following morning (8 February) A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M42 – junction 4 entry slip road: carriageway works**

Northbound slip road will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 7 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M42 – junction 5 exit slip road: carriageway works**

Northbound slip road will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 7 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M42 – junction 3 exit slip road: carriageway works**

Southbound slip road will be closed for one night from 9pm 7 February until 6am the following morning (8 February). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M42 – junction 4 exit slip road: carriageway works**

Northbound slip road closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 6 February until 9 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M5 – junctions 4a to 5: major scheme works**

Southbound carriageway will be closed between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 10 February and again on 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M5 – junctions 5 to 6: major scheme works**

Southbound carriageway including southbound entry slip at junction 5 closed between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 10 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M5 – junctions 5 to 4a: major scheme works**

Northbound carriageway including northbound entry slip at junction 5 closed between 8pm and 6am from 7 February until 10 February and again on 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A46 – Coventry Eastern Bypass**

Northbound carriageway closed between 8pm and 6am on 7 February and southbound carriageway closed at the same time on 8 and 9 and 11 and 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A45 – Stonebridge Highway**

Eastbound carriageway closed between 8pm and 6am from 10 to 12 February.

## **M54 – junction 5 to junction 6: carriageway repairs**

Westbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M54 – junction 3 to junction 4 including junction 3 entry slip road: drainage works**

Westbound carriageway including the entry slip road will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 9 February until 11 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M54 – junction 4 to junction 3 including junction 4 entry slip road: drainage works**

Eastbound carriageway including the entry slip road will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 6 February until 9 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 6 Salford Circus to M6: carriageway works**

Carriageway will be closed overnight in both directions between 9pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 2 entry slip road: carriageway works**

Southbound entry slip road will be closed overnight for one night from 9pm 5 February until 6am the following morning (6 February). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – Hilton Park services exit slip road: carriageway works**

Northbound exit slip road will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 February until 11 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – Hilton Park Services exit and entry slip road: carriageway works**

Southbound exit and entry slip roads will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 15 to junction 16 including junction 15 entry slip road: carriageway works**

Northbound carriageway and entry slip road will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 8 February until 10 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 6 exit slip road: carriageway works**

Southbound exit slip road will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 14 to junction 15 including junction 14 entry slip road: carriageway works**

Northbound carriageway and entry slip road will be closed overnight for one night from 10pm 10 February until 6am the following morning. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 13 to junction 12: carriageway works**

The Southbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 7th February until 9th February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 16 to junction 15 including junction 16 entry slip road: carriageway works**

Southbound carriageway and entry slip road will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 6th February until 8th February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 6 exit slip road: carriageway works**

Northbound exit slip road will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 6 slip road: carriageway works**

North and southbound entry and exit slip road will be closed for 24 hours from 9pm 6 February until 6am 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 15 to junction 16 including junction 15 entry slip road: carriageway works**

Northbound carriageway and entry slip road will be closed overnight between

8pm and 6am from 6 February until 11 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 8 to M5 junction 1 link road (Western Arm): carriageway works**

Southbound link road will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 February until 12 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M69 – junction 1 to M6 junction 2 link road: carriageway works**

Northbound link road will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 February until 8 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

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## **[News story: Chris Skidmore meets with students to encourage democratic participation in the West Midlands](#)**

Minister for the Constitution Chris Skidmore met with students from Q3 Academy Great Barr today to discuss ways of increasing voter registration in the lead up to the election for the first mayor of the West Midlands.

In addition to raising awareness about registering to vote, the visit explored the particular experiences of students living in the West Midlands and the challenges they may encounter.

Chris Skidmore, Minister for the Constitution, said:

Today's visit will help this government better understand the experiences of young people, so that we can deliver a democracy that truly works for everyone. The students at Great Barr showed

real enthusiasm for ensuring that their voices are heard, and debated a number of ideas about how to promote the importance of democratic participation among their peers.

This is particularly meaningful in the lead up to the election for the first mayor of the West Midlands. Regardless of who you are, every voice matters and we encourage you to register to vote in what will be a significant moment for your area.

Mr Mark Arnull, Head of School at Q3 Academy Great Barr, said:

We are delighted to welcome Mr Chris Skidmore MP to Q3 Academy Great Barr today to promote greater voter registration, especially in the preparation of the election of the first Mayor of West Midlands.

The more we engage in the democratic process the better we can strengthen British Values and democracy. At Q3 Academy young people's voices are heard and they need to be fully represented at the political level too.

The minister is visiting the West Midlands as part of his Every Voice Matters Tour. The tour will see him visit every part of the country to understand how to tackle barriers to voter registration.

As part of his trip to the West Midlands, the minister also visited Aston University, where he presented the royal warrant for the Regius Professorship for research in Pharmacy.