

Press release: Planned roadworks in the North East: summary for Monday 30 January to Sunday 5 February 2017

The following summary of planned new and ongoing road improvements over the coming week is correct as of Friday 27 January 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.

A1 junction 56 Barton to junction 51 Leeming Bar

There will be phases of overnight lane closures and full carriageway closures while work takes place to upgrade the road to motorway standards. There will also be narrow lanes and a 50mph speed restriction 24 hours a day. On Monday 30 January there will be a closure northbound and southbound at junction 56 with a diversion down and under the interchange.

There will also be a northbound and southbound closure at Scotch Corner interchange with a diversion up and over the interchange. From Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 2 February there will be a closure northbound at junction 56 with a diversion down and under the interchange.

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There will also be a closure of the northbound entry slip at Scotch Corner interchange with a diversion southbound to Catterick Central and back. All closures will take place between 8pm and 6am.

A1 Blaydon Haugh Viaduct, junction 73 to junction 74, Newcastle upon Tyne

There is a 50mph limit in operation over Blaydon Haugh Viaduct due to the installation of temporary plates over defective viaduct joints. From Monday 30 January to Sunday 5 February there will be a carriageway closure southbound. All these closures will take place between 8pm and 6am with a diversion in place.

A1 / A1M junction 64 to junction 67, Gateshead

There will be various lane and carriageway closures north and southbound for structural repairs, commencing on Wednesday 18 January until the end of February.

A1 Morpeth, Northumberland

There will be work ongoing until spring 2017 for the construction of a bypass. There will be various phases of daytime and night time lane and carriageway closures, with narrow lanes and a 40mph speed restriction in place.

A1 Haggerston, Northumberland

There will be convoy working and traffic lights in place north and southbound to install new crossing areas. This will take place from Monday 30 January until late February between 8am and 4.30pm.

A1 Wandyław to Warrenford, Northumberland

There will be traffic signals in place north and southbound for survey work. This will take place until Wednesday 8 February between 8pm and 6am.

A19 Silverlink, North Tyneside

There is a 24 hour 30mph speed restriction with narrow lanes for interchange improvement work. The A1058 Coast Road will be closed with a diversion down and under the junction on Friday 3 February 9.30am until 3.30pm.

A66 Long Newton, Stockton on Tees

There will be 24 hour traffic signals in operation on the slip road and interchange for construction work. This will take place until the end of February.

A66 Surtees Bridge, Stockton on Tees

There will be a westbound carriageway closure for structural maintenance work, taking place on Monday 30 January between 8pm and 6am with a diversion in place.

A66 Cross Lanes to Rokeby, County Durham

There will be convoy working in place east and westbound with some central reservation right hand turn lanes closed for resurfacing work. This will take place until Friday 3 February between 8pm and 6am, with some diversions in place.

A66 Bowes Moor to Cross Lanes, County Durham

There will be a lane closure east and westbound for horticultural work. This will take place until Tuesday 31 January between 7am and 5pm.

General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

Media enquiries

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.

News story: MHRA launch 'DMAA Week of Action'

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MHRA has launched a 'Week of Action' to improve awareness of unlicensed medicines containing the potentially dangerous ingredient DMAA.

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has launched a 'Week of Action' between 30th January and 5th February aimed at improving awareness of unlicensed medicines containing the potentially dangerous ingredient DMAA.

The week of action aims to improve public awareness and encourages consumers of sports supplements to check to see if their products contain DMAA or any alternative names of the potentially dangerous ingredient. It includes an animated social media campaign, health & fitness bloggers sharing their stories and a video with Dr Chris Jones and weightlifters.

MHRA visited the National Sports Stadium in Crystal Palace with British Weight Lifting, and spoke with Team GB weightlifter [Mercy Brown](#) and Commonwealth medallist [Forrester Osei](#).

A number of leading national organisations have supported the week, including British Weightlifting, UK Anti-Doping, ESSNA, UK Active, National Food Crime Unit and Sporting Integrity Ltd.

[Dr Chris Jones interview](#)

You can check if your supplement contains DMAA by checking the [global DR0 list](#), by entering a sport and searching for 'DMAA' and looking at the alternative names of the ingredient.

If you suspect your supplement contains DMAA, or it is being sold in the UK, then please email us at dmaa@mhra.gsi.gov.uk

We will always investigate instances of the sale and supply of unauthorised medicinal products, including those that may be present in sports supplements.

Any offence committed under the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 could lead to prosecution.

News story: Brokenshire attends GAA Dr McKenna Cup Final

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Later this evening, Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State for NI, will attend the much anticipated 2017 Bank of Ireland Dr McKenna Cup final at Páirc Esler, Newry.

Tonight's game promises to be a fiercely contested match, with old rivals Derry and Tyrone gearing up for a win.

Mr Brokenshire's attendance at this prestigious event marks the first time a Northern Ireland Secretary of State has attended a GAA match played in Northern Ireland. Speaking ahead of the match, Mr Brokenshire said:

I am absolutely delighted to have been invited to attend the Dr McKenna Cup final this evening. You cannot fail to be struck by the sheer passion that GAA supporters have for their game, and the true community spirit that it generates.

The GAA promotes a strong community ethos and the support initiatives they offer to their wider communities must be congratulated. I encourage them to continue with this important work.

Speech: PM press conference with Turkish PM Yildirim: 28 January 2017

Introduction

Thank you very much. I am pleased to be here in Turkey today and to be able to meet Prime Minister Yildirim and President Erdogan just one day after meeting the new US President Donald Trump in Washington.

The relationship between Turkey and the United Kingdom has always been important, but it is arguably even more vital today.

For Turkey sits on the frontline of some of the most difficult and serious challenges we face.

This relationship is central to our capacity to tackle the terrorist threat to the UK. Turkey already does a huge amount to disrupt the threat posed to our countries by terrorists including foreign fighters leaving Syria.

And today we have agreed to strengthen our cooperation on security through a new strategic security partnership. This will help our 2 governments and security services to work even more closely together in important areas such as intelligence sharing, aviation security and domestic security.

This partnership will help Turkey as it grapples with the threat posed by heightened terrorist attacks in this country. We should never forget that in the last 18 months, over 1,500 Turkish civilians and security personnel have been killed by terrorist attacks.

Crucially it will also help to protect the 1.7 million British tourists who travel to Turkey from the UK every year.

It is therefore a vital new partnership for us both.

Regional security

We have also discussed a number of other important regional security issues today including:

Syria, where we are working together to fight Daesh and create the conditions for peace, the challenge of mass migration, where I pay tribute to Turkey's generosity in hosting more than 3 million refugees from surrounding countries, and where the United Kingdom is committed to doing all it can to help.

And Cyprus, where we are both committed to playing our full part in an effort to secure an early agreement.

Trade

Finally, I am delighted that we have today been able to mark the signing of a new agreement between TAI and the British business BAE Systems, that will see the companies collaborating on the pre-design phase of Turkey's new fighter jet, the TFX.

This is more than a trade deal – it is the start of a deep defence partnership that will contribute to our overall security.

At the same time, we are today announcing a new and unique government-to-government agreement between Turkey and the United Kingdom that sets a new framework for cooperation and dialogue between our governments including the defence ministries and air forces.

And we have also agreed to establish a trade working group to explore ways in which we can improve Turkish-UK trade.

These initiatives stand as concrete commitments to a strengthened relationship between us, which will help to ensure the continued security and prosperity of both Turkey and the UK.

Conclusion

This is the first opportunity I have had to visit Turkey since the attempted coup of 15th July last year. On that day, the UK was clear that we supported those who stood up for this important democracy and its institutions. And we continue to hope that the values you stood for on that day will guide you in the months and years ahead.

So I would like to thank Prime Minister Yildirim for giving up his time today so that we might discuss these important issues.

On each one, Turkey is demonstrating its determination to live up to its historic role as a regional power, and its significance as a key member of the NATO Alliance.

I look forward to building on the commitments we have made today in order to strengthen the cooperation between our 2 nations in the years ahead.

Thank you.

**Speech: PM statement following talks
with President Erdogan: 28 January**

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Thank you very much Mr President and thank you for the invitation to join you for these discussions that we have had today – and very fruitful discussions between us.

Turkey is one of the UK's oldest friends. Our relations stretch back over 400 years.

But there is much that we can do in the future to build on that relationship together.

I am proud that the UK stood with you on 15 July last year in defence of your democracy. Now it is important that Turkey sustains that democracy by maintaining the rule of law and upholding its international human rights obligations as the government has undertaken to do.

We have discussed, as the president has said, a number of important issues today from Cyprus, where we are committed to playing our parts for an early settlement, to Syria, where we are working together to fight Daesh and create the conditions for peace.

We are also agreeing to step up our work together on aviation security with a programme of shared training and information exchange.

You mentioned, Mr President, the opportunities for enhancing trade between our two countries and we discussed that. We both want to build on our existing links and I believe that doing so will be to the benefit of both our countries and for the prosperity of both our nations.

And we have agreed we will have a joint working group to prepare the ground for our post-Brexit trading relationship.

So we have covered quite a range of subjects today. What has underpinned our discussions has been the opportunity for Turkey and the UK to build on our existing relations which, as I say, have stretched back many years, to our mutual benefit for the future.

So thank you and I look forward to maintaining these talks with your Prime Minister later today.