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Dear Sir/Madam

M5 junction 18 Avonmouth interchange overbridge deck repairs and M5 junction 17 to junction 18 overnight closures

Highways England plans, builds, operates and maintains England's motorways and major A roads. I am writing to let you know we will shortly be carrying out roadworks near to you, thank you in advance for your patience whilst these essential works are carried out. A map detailing the location is included within this letter.

What we're doing

Our works in April revealed unforeseen damage to concrete on the M5 junction 18 interchange and we have now developed a solution to rectify the issues encountered. Safety is our priority so we're returning at the first available opportunity to carry out the next phase of our programme, which includes replacing sections of concrete and installing new bridge joints. To ensure the concrete has a chance to cure properly it will be necessary to close a section of the interchange.

We have liaised with nearby business organisations and in order to minimise disruption at this busy time of year we plan to carry out the work when traffic flows are at their lowest, overnight and over the course of 6 consecutive weekends. The carriageway will remain open until 8pm to allow for Christmas shopping. During the working week the carriageway will be open as usual. **Please note: these works will not affect the main Avonmouth Bridge which spans the River Avon**, the sections of road affected already have advance roadside warnings on display.

M5 junction 18 interchange overbridge 24/7 weekend closures:

- Friday 8 November 8pm to Monday 11 November 6am westbound
- Saturday 9 November 6am to Monday 11 November 6am eastbound

- Friday 15 November 8pm to Monday 18 November 6am westbound
- Saturday 16 November 6am to Monday 18 November 6am eastbound

- Friday 22 November 8pm to Monday 25 November 6am westbound
- Saturday 23 November 6am to Monday 25 November 6am eastbound

- Friday 29 November 8pm to Monday 2 December 6am westbound
- Saturday 30 November 6am to Monday 2 December 6am eastbound
- Friday 6 December 8pm to Monday 9 December 6am westbound
- Saturday 7 December 6am to Monday 9 December 6am eastbound
- Friday 13 December 8pm to Monday 16 December 6am westbound
- Saturday 14 December 6am to Monday 16 December 6am eastbound

Traffic management

M5 junction 18 southbound exit-slip 24/7 weekend closure

Traffic wishing to leave the M5 at junction 18 southbound will continue to junction 19 exit-slip, go around the roundabout and re-join the M5 northbound at junction 19. Motorists will then be directed to leave the M5 at junction 18a exit-slip to continue their journey.

M49 southbound overnight closures and daytime lane restrictions

Restrictions will be in place on the M49 to prevent traffic accessing the works area. The M49 southbound (adjoining M5 junction 18 southbound, please see map below) will be closed overnight on Friday, Saturday & Sunday (8pm to 6am), traffic will be diverted via Almondsbury Interchange and junction 19.

Saturday and Sunday (6am to 8pm) lane 1 southbound will be reopened, but traffic will not be permitted to access Avonmouth via the junction 18a overbridge. Those wishing to travel to Avonmouth will be diverted via M5 junction 19 to return on the northbound carriageway and leave the M5 at junction 18a exit-slip.

St Brendan's roundabout access to M5

Motorists wishing to join the M5 from St Brendan's roundabout will be diverted via M5 northbound where they will be able to join the southbound carriageway at junction 17. This diversion will be in place throughout the 24/7 weekend closure.

M5 junction 17 to junction 18 overnight closures (week nights only)

As part of our commitment to improve safety and traffic flow along this route we are installing a driver information and queue protection system. This will provide motorists with real time traffic information and allow our control room to monitor conditions on the road. Overnight closures will be in place for the installation of a superspan gantry as follows:

4 & 5 November 2019 –	north and southbound closure 10pm to 6am
6 & 7 November 2019 –	northbound closure 9pm to 6am southbound closure 10pm to 6am
11 November 2019 –	northbound closure 9pm to 6am southbound closure 10pm to 6am

12 to 14 November 2019 – north and southbound closure 10pm to 6am

Traffic management

Fully signed diversions will be in place, northbound traffic will be diverted via the M49, M4 and back to the M5. Southbound will be diverted to the M5 northbound, M4, M49 and back to the M5

Precise dates and times of the works may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Where possible we'll keep you updated of significant changes via advance roadside warning signs and Twitter, please also monitor www.trafficengland.com to keep up to date. We'll make every effort to minimise the impact on the local community and travelling public but please allow extra time for your journey.

Find out more

If you have any questions, or if you would like to know about our work, please contact us on **0300 123 5000** or email info@highwaysengland.co.uk. Or you can visit our website at highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/

Yours faithfully



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M5 junction 18 Avonmouth interchange overbridge week end works

