

Traffic Management Bulletin #19

Friday 11th August 2017

Working on behalf of



Oldbury Viaduct Major Renewal Scheme

This is an update regarding our Phase 3 works and overnight closures.

We will continue to update you on a regular basis of all closures.

Phase 3

Traffic Management Phase 3 - two narrow lanes on the northbound carriageway with a 30mph speed limit in place. The following closures are required to install concrete blocks for lighting installations and surfacing repair works:

Friday 11 August 2017 – 20:00 – 06:00

Southbound M5 J1 – 2 Full Closure & J1 Entry slip road closed

Northbound M5 J2 – 1 traffic will be diverted off at J2 exit and back on at J2 entry

Saturday 12 August 2017 – 02:00 – 03:30

Southbound M5 J1 – 2 Full Closure & J1 Entry slip road closed

Northbound M5 J2 – 1 traffic will be diverted off at J2 exit and back on at J2 entry

At about 3am Saturday morning, for a period of between 30 and 90 minutes we will be removing a gantry near J2 (Oldbury), southbound carriageway.

During this operation no traffic will be allowed to pass the scene – so the diversion routes between M5 J2 - J1 will be invoked for that period of time.

Monday 14 August 2017 – 20:00 – 06:00

Southbound M5 J1 – 2 Full Closure & J1 Entry slip road closed

Tuesday 15 August 2017 – 02:00 – 06:00

Southbound M5 J1 – 2 Full Closure & J1 Entry slip road closed

All diversions will be clearly signposted.

These closures may be subject to change, further updates will be sent in due course.

The reason for the 30mph restriction during Phase 3 compared to the 50mph on other motorway works is that; the distance between J1 and 2 is only 1.8 miles and for a 50mph restriction the junctions would normally have to be closed. For the junctions to remain open and for the scheme to comply with traffic management regulations on motorway merging traffic safety distances this 30mph restriction is necessary.

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We will do everything possible to plan and manage our road works to keep traffic moving, however there will be disruption to the M5 and routes leading into or out of these junctions.

We recommend that where possible you:

- Plan ahead
- Consider using alternative routes including the M42
- Use the bus, train and Midland Metro
- Avoid rush hour
- Car share

We must emphasise that these are essential works, and must be carried out now to prevent potentially larger problems and greater disruption in the future.

Where can I get more information?

Full information is available on the website: www.highways.gov.uk/oldburyviaduct.

Drivers can check live traffic information before setting off at www.trafficengland.com

The Highways England Information Line (0300 123 5000) is available 24/7. We will respond and investigate when something is not working.

