

Traffic Management Bulletin #20

Friday 18 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 temporary lighting, relocation of safety barriers, adjusting lane markings and traffic management equipment and surfacing repairs:

Saturday 19 August 2017 – 20:00 – 06:00

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

Monday 21 August 2017 – 21:00 – 23:00

Northbound M5 J7 – 6 Lane 1 closure

Tuesday 22 August 2017 – 20:00 – 06:00

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

Thursday 24 August 2017 – 20:00 – 06:00

Northbound M5 J2 – 1 Full Closure & J2 Entry slip road closed

Northbound M5 J5 – 4a Full Closure & J5 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. In addition;

The M6 J6 slip roads and the Aston Expressway will be open this weekend.

The following restrictions on the Aston Expressway will still be in place:

- Middle lane closed
- 3 narrow lanes on A38 (M) out of city
- 2 narrow lanes on the A38(M) into city
- No access to the A38 (M) into city carriageway from Gravelly Hill or Tyburn Road.
We have put diversions and alternative routes in place
- 30mph speed limit for the safety of our workforce



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There are a number of key sporting events taking place in and around the city over the weekend including the day / night test match at Edgbaston, Grand Prix Athletics at Alexander Stadium and Aston Villa vs Norwich City at Villa Park. To help ease travel this weekend, we have worked extra shifts to complete as much work as we could earlier than planned.

Please share this information and remember to plan ahead and allow extra time for your journey. Thank you for your patience while we carry out this important work.

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.

