

Monday 11 December 2017

M5 Worcestershire Update**M5 Oldbury Viaduct**

Following feedback received, we commissioned our contractor, Kier Strategic Highways, to undertake a traffic study of the traffic management performance across the strategic and local authority road networks. The scope of the study was to compare how the traffic is behaving in reality compared to what we predicted with our traffic model.

The traffic study shows that overall our measures to manage traffic, including the restriction at M5 junction 4a and M6 junction 8, are working safely and successfully by encouraging drivers to avoid approaching Birmingham and beyond via the northbound M5. The volume of traffic on the M5 around junction 1 and 2 has reduced as expected with more traffic using the M42.

The measures in place are playing an overall part in reducing traffic numbers on the M5. If the restrictions at M5 junction 4a and M6 junction 8 were not in place, disruption would be worse than it is now, affecting the M5 corridor, as well as local roads, towns and villages.

As such the traffic management for this scheme will remain in place until autumn 2018 however we will continue to work with partners to manage the immediate impact of these measures.

M5 junction 6

We're starting major improvement work at M5 junction 6 early next year. This work will complement other junction improvement work at junctions 5 and 7 to improve journey times, reduce congestion and support local and strategic economic growth.

As part of the improvement scheme, we'll widen the roundabout, the slip roads and all the approaches. We'll also add an extra lane to the roundabout and put traffic signals on the A449 approach.

Come and see us

We are holding 2 drop-in events where representatives from both project teams will be available to answer any questions you may have about the schemes.

Date	Time	Location
14 December 2017	1pm – 8pm	Worcester Warriors, Sixways Stadium, Warriors Way, Worcester, WR3 8ZE
18 December 2017	1pm – 8pm	Chateau Impney Hotel & Exhibition Centre, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, WR9 0BN

Contact us

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Kind regards,
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