

## M6 J7 Rushall Canal: Essential Repair Work Briefing

Highways England need to carry out essential repair work to the M6 northbound carriageway between junctions 7 and 8 to keep it in a safe condition.

From **Wednesday, 21 to Tuesday, 27 February**, it will be necessary to close parts of the northbound carriage at different times of the day and night as well as during the week and weekend with some overnight closures.

From **Tuesday, 27 February to Sunday, 4 March** we will only need overnight closures.

### Background

The condition of the carriageway surface has deteriorated as a result of one of the wettest years on record followed by a winter spell of falling temperatures. This has resulted in water finding its way into the carriageway, freezing and then lifting and breaking up the road surface above it as it thaws.

We have recently carried out temporary repairs at this location but now need greater intervention to repair the structure.

There will be significant disruption to the M6 while we carry out this work and local routes around this area will also be busier than usual.

We recognise that there is a never a good time to carry out roadworks at such a critical point on our network. Safety is our top priority and we need to carry out these repairs to ensure drivers continue to have safe and reliable journeys along this key strategic route

Please plan ahead and allow extra time for your journeys. You may also wish to consider using public transport alternatives for local journeys around Birmingham and the Black Country. A map of the location of the key area of work is below.



### Traffic Management Information

Date	Time	Closure
<b>Wednesday, 21 February</b> (to complete the traffic management installation)	10pm	M6 northbound carriageway and northbound entry slip roads closed from junction 6 (Spaghetti junction) to junction 8
<b>Thursday, 22 February</b> (to complete the traffic management installation)	6am	M6 north including slip roads will reopen
	10pm	M6 northbound carriageway and northbound on-slip roads closed from junction 6 (Spaghetti junction) to junction 8
<b>Friday, 23</b>	6am	three narrow lanes in place northbound from junction 6 to junction 8 with a 40mph speed limit.  M6 northbound on-slip at junction 7 also reduced to one lane on entry
	8pm	northbound on-slip at junction 7 (Walsall & A34) will be closed, so there will be no access to the M6 north from this slip road
	10pm	M6 northbound carriageway and northbound entry slip roads closed from junction 6 (Spaghetti junction) to junction 8

<b>Saturday, 24 Sunday, 25 February</b>	6am	one lane in place northbound from junction 6 to junction 8 with a 40mph speed limit. M6 northbound on-slip at junction 7 also reduced to one lane on entry
	8pm	northbound on-slip at junction 7 (Walsall & A34) will be closed, so there will be no access to the M6 north from this slip road
	10pm	M6 northbound carriageway and northbound entry slip roads closed from junction 7 (Spaghetti junction) to junction 8
<b>Monday, 26 February</b>	6am	three narrow lanes in place northbound from junction 6 to junction 8 with a 40mph speed limit. M6 northbound on-slip at junction 7 also reduced to one lane on entry
	8pm	northbound on-slip at junction 7 (Walsall & A34) will be closed, so there will be no access to the M6 north from this slip road
	10pm	M6 northbound carriageway and northbound entry slip roads closed from junction 6 (Spaghetti junction) to junction 8

<b>Tuesday, 27 February</b>	6am	All daytime restrictions removed
<b>Tuesday, 27 February to Sunday, 4 March</b>	10pm to 6am	M6 northbound from junction 7 to junction 8 closed the northbound on-slip at junction 7 (Walsall & A34) will be closed, so there will be no access to the M6 north from this slip road

## Diversions

For j6 to j8 closure:

Traffic travelling north on the M6 will exit at j6 and follow the A38(m) / A34 / A4041 / A4031 / A41 to either join the M5 j1 or re-join the M6 north at j8.

For j7 to j8 closure:

Traffic travelling north on the M6 may wish to exit at j7 and then use the A34 diversion through Walsall (A34 / A4148 / A454) and re-join the M6 at j10.

## From Walsall

Traffic travelling south along the A34 to j7 wishing to access the M5 will be diverted along the A34 at Scott Arms / A4041 / A4031 / A41 to M5 j1.

Traffic that decides to return north along the A34 will be diverted along the A34 /A4148 / A454 to j10 of the M6.

We will fully sign all the diversion routes.

## A repair we carried out at this location on 12 February.

