

Dear Customer

**Re: M5 junction 6 to junction 7 safety barrier replacement**

I'm writing to inform you of some upcoming maintenance work on the M5, near Worcester. This work will be carried out on our behalf by our contractor, Carnell.

**What we're doing and why?**

We'll be replacing the safety barrier, alternatively known as the 'vehicle restraint system', on the M5 between junction 6 and junction 7. We'll remove the existing steel barrier in the central reserve, which will then be replaced with a new concrete barrier. This will ensure we continue to provide a safer road to all road users. Our work will also include lighting and drainage improvements.

**When will this work take place?**

Our work will start on **21 February 2022**, and this should complete by Spring 2023. This will include a combination of day time and night time working. To reduce disruption to customers, most of our work will be carried out under narrow lanes which will ensure the M5 remains open. For added safety, a 50mph speed limit will be in place, along with speed enforcement and free recovery. This has been designed to protect both the road user and workforce on site.

To install the narrow lanes, we'll need a number of overnight closures between junction 5 and junction 8. These will be in place as follows;

**M5 northbound, junction 7 entry and exit slip** closed overnight on 21 February, 22 February and 23 February, 8pm to 6am.

**M5 northbound, junction 6 entry and exit slip** closed overnight on 24 February, 25 February, 26 February and 27 February, 8pm to 6am.

**M5 northbound, junction 8 to junction 5** closed overnight on 5 March and 6 March, 8pm to 6am.

**M5 southbound, junction 6 entry and exit slip** closed overnight on 28 February, 1 March, 2 March, 3 March and 4 March, 8pm to 6am.

**M5 southbound, junction 7 entry and exit slip** closed overnight on 7 March and 8 March, 8pm to 6am.

**M5 southbound, junction 5 to junction 8** closed overnight on 12 March and 13 March, 8pm to 6am.

During full carriage way closures, a fully signed diversion will be in place- please see below for further information. During slip road closures, a fully signed diversion will be in place to the next junction and back.

To complete aspects of our work safely, there will be times when we need to close the M5 between junction 6 and junction 7. We'll provide further updates regarding closures via our M5 mailing list. To receive these updates, please subscribe by emailing [noreplyM5WMids@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:noreplyM5WMids@highwaysengland.co.uk).

Our work is subject to change due to any unforeseen circumstances. Please plan ahead and allow additional time for your journey.



### Find out more

If you have any questions, or if you would like to know more about our work, please call us on **0300 123 5000** or email [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk). You can also visit our website at [highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/](http://highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/) or write to us at Highways England, National Traffic Operations Centre, 3 Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park, Birmingham, B32 1AF.

Yours faithfully  
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