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Dear Sir or Madam

23rd November 2018

Essential Maintenance: A5 High Street Towcester – Update 23.11.2018

Since Monday 19th November 2018, we have milled and removed the carriageway surface, laid and compacted regulating material and resurfaced the carriageway in Phase 3 from The Lindens to the recently re-laid surfacing in Phase 4 adjacent to Reffield Close, as well as resurfacing the lay-by in phase 4. We have laid High Friction Surfacing, cut and installed expansion and contraction joints to areas of the newly resurfaced carriageway and applied new road markings to replace those removed during the resurfacing works. Various areas of footpath in Phase 3 have also been resurfaced and sign posts installed at the proposed new eight bay parking area by Towcester Fire Station.

We are currently installing additional surface water drainage in two locations within Phase 3 of our essential maintenance scheme in Towcester. A new road gully and connection is being installed at the junction of the A5 and The Lindens and another new road gully and connection is being installed at the junction of the A5 and Vernon Road. This is to alleviate flooding of the highway that occurs in these areas after heavy rainfall.

Where these trenches are excavated through an existing reinforced concrete slab beneath the road surface, they will be permanently reinstated by constructing a new reinforced concrete slab within the trench, which will be tied into the existing reinforced concrete slab on each side of the trench, before resurfacing with asphalt surface course material to a compacted thickness of 40mm.

Rather than reinstate the carriageway surface over just the area of the trench at The Lindens, we will mill and remove the existing carriageway surface over the full width of the southbound lane and for an approximate length of 30 metres to comply to standards, apply tack coat to the milled surface, paint the vertical joints with bitumen and then machine lay the asphalt surface course material.

This resurfacing work is planned for Wednesday 28th November 2018 and any road markings removed during resurfacing will be reinstated on Thursday 29th November 2018. The markings to the eight new parking bays by Towcester Fire Station will also be installed on that day.

Please note that the length of road between The Lindens and Vernon Road will remain closed until the trenches excavated for the new surface water drainage have been permanently reinstated and any other remedial works have been completed.

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This means that the off-street parking permit system for Phase 3 will remain in operation until we have completed all our works within the carriageway.

I have been advised that the replacement of the damaged and leaning traffic signal pole on the south west corner of the Brackley Road / Northampton Road crossroads is now planned for Monday 26th November 2018 and recommissioning of the signals for the evening of 27th November 2018. However, please be aware that the temporary traffic signal control at this junction will remain in place until we have completed all of the works within the carriageway previously described. Operation of these temporary traffic signals together with restricting the road width over a short distance immediately south of the junction, enables us to deter any heavy vehicle from attempting to head south through Market Square from the north and coming up to our road closure further south with no means of turning around. So that we can continue to allow other local traffic to enter and exit Market Square through this restricted length of road we have to control that traffic and the temporary four-way traffic signals are the only means by which this can be achieved.

We have remedials to undertake in Phase 1 of our works North of the crossroads which will be carried out during week commencing Monday 26th November 2018 using a lane closure controlled by temporary two-way traffic signals between 09:30hrs and 15:30hrs.

Anglian Water have finishing works to carry out on Northampton Road and will utilise our lane closure and temporary four-way traffic signal control to undertake this work, Anglian Water plan to carry out this work on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th November 2018.

We are planning to reopen the A5 to through traffic by 23:59hrs on Friday 30th November 2018.

We will be working overnight between 20.00hrs on Monday 3rd December and 0600hrs on Tuesday 4th December 2018 to remove the temporary barriers from the gaps in the central reservation of the A43. For safety reasons it will be necessary to close the A43 Northbound and restrict the A43 Southbound to lane 1 only. I will forward copies of the diversion route for the Northbound A43 traffic to use during these works nearer the time.

Please note that all our planned road works may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

Towcester is open for business as usual during these essential works and all of the public car parks are accessible so please use your local shops, bars and restaurants and ask others to do the same. I'm sure that your local business community would appreciate it.

I apologise for any disruption our works may cause. Please plan ahead and allow extra time for your journey.

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INFORMATION ABOUT WORKS BY OTHERS IN THE AREA.

1. Gas main renewal works.

I have been advised by KierWSP / Northamptonshire Highways and Triio (Cadent) that the renewal of the gas main in Vernon Road, between the A5 and Marlow Road, was completed on Wednesday 21st November 2018 and that they have moved off site until after Christmas. On their return in the New Year they will be renewing the gas main along Burcote Road towards Wood Burcote with traffic being controlled by temporary multi-phase signals. Should you require any further information about the gas main renewal works please contact:

Triio (Cadent) 24 Hours Enquiries line 0345 835 1111 or the Site Manager on 07970 398962 between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

2. M1 junction 13 to 16

I have been asked by the Costain Galliford Try Smart Motorways Joint Venture Community Relations team for the M1 junction 13 to 16 scheme to publicise the following statement: "We will be carrying out overnight closures from Tuesday 4th December 2018 to remove trees from the verge in the Dormouse sensitive areas. Due to ecological constraints we are unable to put any equipment or vehicles on the verge. We are also prevented from dropping trees onto the ground. We therefore need to close the road and use specialist machinery with the capability of cutting and lifting away from the verge and loading onto adjacent vehicles.

In addition, we will be extending the temporary traffic management on the M1 between junctions 14 to 15 in January 2019. Safety is our number one priority and for this reason work of this type must be carried out using a full carriageway closure.

Please note these are provisional dates and are subject to change. Please do not use satellite navigation (sat nav) when following the diversion. Visit our website for the diversion routes and latest closure dates at:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m1-junction-13-to-junction-16-smart-motorway/>

3. ROAD SIGN RENEWAL PHASE 3

I have been advised by the Highways England Network Resilience team that new road signs and posts are to be erected on the A43 northbound and southbound approaches to the A5 / A45 junction at Tove roundabout and diversion route symbols added to the signs on all approaches to and the roundabout and those around it. To carry out this work safely

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Lane 1 closures on the A43 northbound and southbound approaches to the roundabout will be in place together with traffic management to the outer ring of the roundabout.

Existing sign boards within the verges on the A5 northbound and southbound approaches to Tove roundabout are also being removed and replaced with new on the existing posts. Temporary Traffic Management signs will also be erected on the A5 approaches to the Roundabout.

These works will be carried out overnight between 20.00hrs and 0800hrs from Monday 3rd December up to and including Friday 7th December 2018.

Yours faithfully

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