

29 September 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Smart motorway programme: Update on M1 Junctions 13-16**

I am writing to advise you of surface lowering works that will be taking place on the M1.

The M1 between junctions 14 to 15 northbound will be closed for 56 hours from 9pm on Friday 22 October to 6am on Monday 25 October, while the motorway surface is lowered at Tongwell Lane Farm bridge near Newport Pagnell. This work is necessary because the bridge is currently too low for tall traffic such as lorries once this section of the M1 becomes a four-lane motorway.

As you can imagine, this is a significant piece of work and unfortunately, we have to close the road fully to undertake it safely. If we are able to complete the work quicker than expected, we will re-open the road and will advise motorists and the public through social media and the electronic signs on the motorway itself.

Please note that these are provisional dates and are subject to change, as there may be conditions outside of our control, such as adverse weather, and road incidents. Please visit our website to see the latest M1 road closure dates and the official diversion routes at: [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M1junction13-16](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M1junction13-16)

Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead, find alternative routes using the M40, A1 or M11 with the A14. We will also ask motorists to avoid this section of the M1 and surrounding roads if possible.

Diversion routes will be clearly signed for the duration of this closure. We advise drivers to follow the signed diversion routes and not their own Satnavs. Please be considerate of residents living along the diversion routes when using these roads when the M1 is closed.

We advise residents and business owners to allow extra time onto their journeys. We will do our utmost to complete the work as quickly as possible and keep noise and disruption to a minimum. However, we acknowledge some operations may be noisy, for example, reversing beepers must be operational on our vehicles for health and safety reasons.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact us on 07469 391190. If you would like to know more about the project or register for email updates, please visit [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M1junction13-16](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M1junction13-16)

Yours faithfully,

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**Working for and on behalf of National Highways**