

Our ref: M1 junctions 19 to 16

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **M1 junctions 19 to 16 smart motorway**

Further to my letter dated 19 October 2017, I am writing to provide you an update on the M1 junction 19 to 16 smart motorway scheme.

The first two sections of a new smart motorway on the M1, between junction 16 and junction 18, are now open, operating at speeds of up to 70mph. The final link from junction 18 to junction 19 is now due to open by the end of January 2018.

When complete, the M1 between Northampton and Catthorpe Interchange will have four running lanes, improving journeys by adding capacity, reducing congestion and making them more reliable on this vital route.

I also enclose details of overnight closures which are part of the final stages of this work.

This project is part of the larger M1 junctions 19 to 13 smart motorway project, which is targeted to be completed by 2021-2022, as set out in the 2014 Road Investment Strategy. The M1 junctions 13 to 16 is expected to begin pre-construction work in January 2018, with the main construction work commencing in March 2018.

If you have any questions, or if you would like any further information about the scheme, please contact the project team at [M1J19-16SmartMotorway@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:M1J19-16SmartMotorway@highwaysengland.co.uk).

Yours faithfully

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### **Schedule for M1 overnight closures**

Works are weather-dependant and may have to be cancelled at short notice. Diversion timings are approximate and act as a guideline only; please check Traffic England ([www.trafficengland.co.uk](http://www.trafficengland.co.uk)) for current traffic conditions.

Please note times of closures will be 9pm – 6am.

Date	Works Type	Details	Allow Extra
2 January 2018 for 2 nights	Resurfacing	Full closure of junction 18 to 20 Northbound	15 mins
4 January 2017 for 2 nights	Resurfacing	Full closure of M1 junction 18 to 15A Southbound	15 mins
6 January 2018 for nights	Resurfacing	Full closure of junction 18 to 20 Northbound	15 mins
8 January 2018 for 4 nights	Resurfacing	Full closure of junction 20 to 18 Northbound	15 mins
12 January 2018 for 3 nights	Resurfacing	Full closure of junction 18 to 20 Southbound	15 mins

### **Diversion route**

#### **M1 Junction 18 to 20 closure**

##### Northbound Traffic

- M1 northbound traffic will be diverted onto the A5 at junction 18.
- Traffic will follow the A5 to the A426 roundabout and turn right onto the A426.
- Traffic will follow the A426, turn right at the roundabout, following the A4303 to re-join the M1 northbound at junction 20.

##### Southbound Traffic for M1

- M1 southbound traffic will be diverted onto the A4303 at junction 20.
- Traffic will follow the A4303, turn left at the 1<sup>st</sup> roundabout onto the A426.
- Traffic will turn left at the roundabout, following the A5 to re-join the M1 southbound at junction 18

#### **M1 junction 18 to 15a closure**

##### Southbound Traffic for M1

- M1 southbound traffic will be diverted onto the A5 Southbound at junction 18.
- Traffic will follow the A5 to the roundabout with the A43
- Traffic will turn left at the roundabout, following the A43 to re-join the M1 southbound at junction 15a.