Press release: Planned roadworks in West Midlands: weekly summary for Monday 6 March to Sunday 12 March 2017

The following summary of planned new and ongoing road improvements over the coming week is correct as of 6 March 2017 but could be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. All our improvement work is carried out with the aim of causing as little disruption as possible.

A38 — Claymills to Wood End Lane: carriageway repairs

Southbound carriageway closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A38 — Alrewas to Toyota: carriageway repairs

Northbound carriageway and all associated slip roads closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A449 — Gailey roundabout to Brewood Road: carriageway repairs

Northbound carriageway closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A449 — Gailey Roundabout to Brewood Road: carriageway repairs

Southbound carriageway closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A46 - Twyford to Badsey: carriageway repairs

Carriageway closed in both directions overnight for one night from 10pm 9 March until 6am the following morning (10 March). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A49 — Wellington Marsh: carriageway repairs

Carriageway closed in both directions overnight between 10pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A5 — Gledrid roundabout and all approaches: carriageway resurfacing

Roundabout and all approaches closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 27 February until 5 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A5 — Wall Island to Muckley Corner: carriageway resurfacing

Westbound carriageway closed overnight between 7pm and 6.30am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A50 — Meir Tunnel to Stanley Matthews Way: carriageway repairs

Westbound carriageway closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A50 — Heron Cross to Stanley Matthews Interchange Burton Road entry slip: carriageway repairs

Westbound Carriageway will be closed 24 hours 7 days a week until 7 July. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A50 — Heron Cross exit slip road to Foley Road: carriageway repairs

Eastbound carriageway and all associated slip roads closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 March until 9 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A50 - Meir Tunnel: carriageway repairs

Carriageway closed in both directions overnight between 8pm and 5.30am from 7 March until 10 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A50 — Meir Interchange exit slip road to Catchems Corner: carriageway repairs

Eastbound carriageway and all associated slip road closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 9 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A500 - Porthill exit slip: vegetation clearance

Northbound exit slip road closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 March

until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

A500 — Wolstanton exit slip: vegetation clearance

Southbound exit slip closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M40 — junction 15 to M42 junction 3a. West Midlands: carriageway works

Northbound carriageway and associated slip roads closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M40 — junction 16 entry slip road: carriageway works

Northbound entry slip road closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M40 — junction 15 entry slip road: carriageway works

Northbound entry slip road closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M40 — junction 3a M42 to M40 link road: carriageway works

Southbound carriageway closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M42 — junction 1 exit and entry slip road: carriageway works

Northbound exit slip road closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M42 - junction 6 entry slip road: carriageway works

Northbound entry slip road closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M42 - M6 junction 4a to M42 junction 8 north link:

carriageway works

Northbound link road closed overnight between 10pm and 5am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M42 — junction 5 entry slip to junction 6: carriageway works

Northbound carriageway closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M42 - junction 6 exit slip road: carriageway works

Northbound exit slip road closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 6 March until 12March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M42 - junction 10 to junction 11: carriageway works

Northbound carriageway closed overnight for one night from 10pm 6 March until 6am the following morning (7 March). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M42 - junction 6 exit slip road: carriageway works

Southbound exit slip road closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 9 March until 14 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M42 — M6 junction 4 exit slip road northbound/link to M42: carriageway works

Northbound exit slip road closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 11 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M5 - junction 4a to junction 5: carriageway works

The southbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 March until 10 March and on 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M5 - junction 5 to junction 4a: carriageway works

The northbound carriageway including the northbound entry slip at junction 5 will be closed overnight from 6 March until 10 March and on 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M5 - junction 6 to junction 5: carriageway works

The northbound carriageway closure including the northbound entry slip at

junction 6 will be closed overnight from 6 March until 10 March and on 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M5 - junction 5 to junction 6: carriageway works

The southbound carriageway closure including the southbound entry slip will be closed overnight from 6 March until 10 March and on 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M50 - junction 2 to junction 1: carriageway repairs

Eastbound carriageway closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M50 — junction 4 to junction 2: carriageway repairs

Westbound carriageway closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 8 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M54 - junction 5 to junction 6: carriageway repairs

Westbound carriageway closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M54 — junction 5 entry slip road: carriageway repairs

Westbound entry slip road carriageway closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M54 — junction 6 entry slip road: carriageway repairs

Eastbound entry slip road carriageway closed overnight for one night from 10pm 6 March until 5am the following morning (7 March). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 — junction 10 to junction 7 including junction 10 and 9 entry slip roads and link from M5: carriageway works

Southbound carriageway and associated slip roads closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 — junction 11 entry slip road to junction 10 exit including M54 junction 1 entry slip road: carriageway works

Southbound carriageway and associated slip roads closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 — junction 7 to junction 10 including junction 9 entry slip and link from M5 northbound: carriageway works

Northbound carriageway and associated slip roads closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 — junction 10 entry slip road to junction 11 exit slip road: carriageway works

Northbound carriageway and associated slip roads closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 — junction 7 entry slip road: carriageway works

Northbound entry slip road closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 10 March until 13 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 - junction 7 to junction 8: carriageway works

Northbound carriageway closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 10 March until 13 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 — junction 9 exit slip road: carriageway works

Northbound exit slip road closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 - junction 9 entry slip road: carriageway works

Northbound entry slip road closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 6 March until 12 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 - junction 13 entry slip road: carriageway works

Southbound entry slip road closed overnight for one night from 10pm 6 March until 5.30am the following morning (7 March). A diversion route will be

M6 - junction 6 to junction 5: carriageway works

Southbound carriageway closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 6 March until 11 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 — junction 15 to junction 14 including junction 15 entry slip road: carriageway works

Southbound carriageway and entry slip road closed overnight for one night from 10pm 7 March until 6am the following morning. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 — junction 16 entry slip to junction 15: carriageway works

Southbound carriageway and entry slip road closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 8 March until 10 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 - junction 5 to junction 6: carriageway works

Northbound carriageway closed overnight for one night from 10pm 10 March until 6am the following morning (11 March). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 — junction 10 entry slip to junction 7: carriageway works

Southbound carriageway and entry slip road closed overnight for one night from 10pm 10 March until 6am the following morning (11 March). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

M6 — junction 4 exit slip and entry slip roads: carriageway works

Northbound exit and entry slip roads closed overnight for one night from 10pm 11 March until 6am the following morning (12 March). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

Media enquiries

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.

News story: CNC supports national counter terrorism campaign

The awareness campaign will call on communities to act on their instincts to help prevent atrocities taking place in the UK and overseas. The appeal comes as new figures reveal that information from the public has assisted counter terrorism police in a third of the most 'high-risk' investigations, helping keep communities safe.

The UK's most senior counter terrorism officer, Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley, will launch a new 'Action Counters Terrorism', or 'ACT', campaign today urging the public to report suspicious activity to the police.

Mr Rowley will tell an audience of community and business representatives in Manchester that information from the public continues to help keep people safe by playing a significant part in recent successes in countering terrorism. However, officers need even more information to build better intelligence pictures on individuals or groups plotting attacks.

This comes as the threat, which remains 'Severe' — meaning an attack is highly likely, continues to diversify and expand. This is seen in cases where terrorists have been able to reach across the world to radicalise often vulnerable, volatile or chaotic individuals and groups, and inspire and direct them using instant and secure communications.

CNC Chief Constable Mike Griffiths said: "As a national police force with responsibility for the armed protection of civil nuclear facilities and materials, counter-terrorism is at the heart of what the CNC do.

"The severe threat level indicates that it is highly likely that a terrorist attack could happen in the UK although it has not been raised in response to a specific threat. This campaign reminds everybody, from law enforcement to businesses to the general public that they have a role to play in keeping the UK safe from terrorism.

"This awareness campaign also asks us all to be vigilant — if you suspect it, report it. Nobody is better placed to detect something that is out of place in their communities than the people living in them."

The campaign will feature a dedicated website, radio advertising, as well as a podcast series for the first time. The podcasts aim to give never heard

before accounts of police action to protect the public. In one episode: 'Multiple Bombings', a former Special Branch officer explains the race against time to secure vital evidence right under the nose of a terrorist suspect in a highly sensitive covert operation. We also hear from a member of the public who acted on her instincts after seeing something suspicious and called police, helping detectives locate core ingredients for a massive bomb.

Visit the ACT website to find out more

Anyone with any suspicions should call the confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321.

News story: Prime Minister appoints new Tate Trustee

James Timpson is Chief Executive of Timpson, a family retail business based in Manchester. The business trades from 1,725 shops across country, comprising of 920 Timpson outlets and a mix of Max Spielmann and Snappy Snaps photo shops (also including the Johnsons the Cleaners and Jeeves of Belgravia businesses). The company turnover is in excess of £200m and employs some 4,500 people. James's passion and enthusiasm for business, people, his team and the wider community was recognised in the 2011 Queen's Birthday Honours List, where he was awarded an OBE for services to training and employment for disadvantaged people.

The following year he was appointed the David Goldman Visiting Professor of Innovation for 2012-13, at the Newcastle University Business School. In 2015 James was appointed the HRH Prince of Wales Ambassador for responsible business in the North West in 2015. The same year he received the Albert Medal from the Royal Society of Arts and in 2016 appeared in the Sunday Times 500 Most Influential list, acknowledging his recruitment of ex-offenders. Away from Timpson James is Chair of the Prison Reform Trust and was, until 2016, Chair of the Employers Forum for Reducing Re-offending (EFFRR), a group of likeminded employers who offer a second chance to people with a criminal conviction. EFFRR members actively encourage other employers to be more willing to recruit ex-offenders and are on hand to help guide businesses along the way to help maximize the success of any placements.

The role is not remunerated and this appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Under the Code, any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years must be declared. This is defined as including holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation, or candidature for election. Mr Timpson has declared that the company of which he is a CEO (Timpson Ltd) has made recordable donations to Mr Edward Timpson MP over the past five years — details of which can be obtained from the Electoral Commission website.

<u>Press release: PM call with Taoiseach</u> <u>Enda Kenny: 5 March 2017</u>

This afternoon Prime Minister Theresa May spoke to Taoiseach Enda Kenny following the recent elections in Northern Ireland.

They discussed their shared commitment to work with the parties to move forward and create a stable administration which ensures a strong, peaceful and prosperous Northern Ireland.

To that end, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland James Brokenshire and Irish Foreign Minister Charlie Flanagan will meet the parties on Wednesday and the Prime Minister and Taoiseach agreed to discuss the issue again at the EU Council on Thursday.

<u>Press release: Secretary of State for Northern Ireland statement</u>

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP said:

Now that Assembly members have been elected, there is a limited window in which the Assembly and Executive can be restored. Urgent discussions need to take place to ensure inclusive devolved government resumes. These discussions will need to focus on:

- the establishment of a partnership Executive and
- addressing other outstanding issues, including the implementation of past agreements and addressing the legacy of the past.

The responsibility for forming a new Executive rests with the two parties eligible to nominate a First Minister and deputy First Minister, both to engage with each other and to advance discussions with all eligible parties. A new Executive will need to agree a Programme for Government, a budget for 2017-18 and any changes to how the Executive will work. The UK Government will engage with the

parties to secure progress.

On the wider point of addressing outstanding issues, all parties eligible to nominate NI Executive Ministers will need to be involved. The UK Government and the Irish Government will also have roles to play in accordance with the three-stranded approach. Discussions will focus on securing implementation on the basis of existing commitments rather than the renegotiation of prior agreements. In particular, there is an urgent need to resolve the implementation of the commitments concerning the legacy of the past in the Stormont House Agreement.

Starting immediately, the UK and Irish Governments will work closely with the parties to secure progress on these issues. These discussions will be confidential.

Parts of this work are important. Political institutions operating on a basis of partnership, equality and mutual respect are at the heart of the Belfast Agreement.