

# [Press release: Planned roadworks in the East of England: weekly summary for Monday 30 January to Sunday 5 February 2017](#)

The following information summarises the work being carried out this coming week. It is correct as of the above date 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.

## **A12 and A120 Colchester: traffic light repairs**

Highways England will be repairing the traffic lights at the junction of the A12 and A120 at Crown Interchange. This will be done using a westbound slip lane closure while we are working, between 8pm and 6am overnight on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 February.

## **A428 Eltisley: street lighting and road markings**

Highways England will be improving street lighting and road markings on the A428 through Eltisley. This will be done between Monday 30 January and Friday 31 March. During the works we will have traffic lights in place while we working. As part of this work, it will be necessary for road to be closed overnight on some dates. Where the A428 is closed westbound, drivers will be diverted to take the A1198 northbound at Caxton Gibbet roundabout, then at Godmanchester follow the A14 westbound to junction 21 at Brampton Hut, then take the A1 southbound and follow the A1 southbound to Wyboston junction roundabout, where the diversion ends. Drivers heading eastbound will follow this diversion in reverse.

## **Various roads: routine inspections and maintenance for street lighting**

Highways England is carrying out a programme of routine inspections of electrical and structural equipment across the region, which is planned for completion in spring 2017. In addition there is a programme of maintenance which includes bulk lamp changes. Work will include inspecting equipment on the:

- A1 between Wittering and Stibbington with traffic management but no full closures
- A12 at Capel St Mary's with traffic management but no full closures

Work will include maintenance and bulk lamp changes on the:

- A1 between Wittering and Stibbington with traffic management but no full closures
- A1 between Sandy and Biggleswade with traffic management but no full closures

## **Various roads: barrier repairs**

Highways England will continue repairs to barriers throughout the week, using lane closures to keep road users at a safe distance from the work. The work will take place at various locations, between 8pm and 5am. This week we are repairing barriers on the M11 in both directions from Monday 30 to Friday 3 February overnight, using lane closures while we are working between junctions 6 (M25) and 9 (A11). We are also repairing barriers on the A120 in both directions, between junction 8 with the M11 and Braintree (Marks Farm).

## **Various roads: litter picking and sweeping**

Highways England will continue litter picking throughout the week on the M11. This will be done using a mobile slow-moving hard shoulder or lane closure. Work will also include sweeping the hard shoulder of the M11 during the day while we litter pick between junctions 6 (M25) and 9 (A11).

## **M1: technology repairs**

Highways England will be working to repair and replace faulty power cables for signage technology on the motorway, including overhead sign lighting, on the M1. This will be done using lane and hard shoulder closures while we are working, between 9pm and 5am, from Monday 30 January to Friday 10 March. As part of this work, it will be necessary for slip roads to be closed overnight on some dates. Where slip roads are closed, drivers will be diverted to continue on the M1 to the next junction, exit and return to leave the junction from the opposite direction.

## **M11 and A120: structures maintenance**

Highways England are carrying out routine maintenance work on bridges crossing the M11 between junctions 6 (M25) and 9 (A11) in both directions. They will also be doing similar work on the A120, between junction 8 with the M11 and Braintree (Marks Farm). These will be done during the day, with the hard shoulder closed while we are working.

## **M11 and A120 Stansted Airport: pothole filling**

Highways England will be filling in potholes on the M11 between junctions 8 (Stansted Airport – Bishop's Stortford) and 9 (A11) in both directions, and on the A120 between Braintree and junction 8 of the M11. This will be done using lane and hard shoulder closures while we are working, between 8.30pm and 6am, from Monday 30 to Friday 3 February.

## **M11: routine maintenance**

Highways England will be doing routine maintenance of structures and technology boxes along the M11 during the day. These will be done with a hard shoulder closure, taking place between junctions 6 (M25) and 9 (A11).

## **A5-M1 Link (Dunstable Northern Bypass), Bedfordshire: major improvements**

Highways England is building a new 2.9-mile, two-lane dual carriageway running from north of Dunstable and joining the M1 at a new junction 11a, south of Chalton. Main construction started in March 2015. Work is progressing well. The traffic management, including hard shoulder closures, safety barriers, signs, CCTV and average speed cameras, will stay in place throughout the construction work, which will be carried out in phases and should be finished in spring 2017. Work on the M1. This week there will be M1 lane closures between junctions 10 and 13 from Monday 30 January to Friday 3 February between 10pm to 6am for overhead gantry works. Work on the A5 and local roads. This week there will be traffic lights overnight on the A5-A505 between 8pm and 6am for safety barrier installation and construction of a new footpath works. There will be off-peak temporary traffic lights on local roads and A5 between 9.30am and 3.30pm for verge and safety barrier work.

## **Cycle improvements schemes in Suffolk, Essex, Norfolk and Bedfordshire**

Work is substantially completed on the building or improving of cycle paths at 16 locations across the East of England including on the A12, A120, A47 and A5.

The work included the installation of new and upgraded shared-use foot/cycle ways and toucan crossing facilities. The new or improved paths will make it safer and easier to cycle on or around major A-roads and will improve connections with the local and national cycle network.

The project is part of a country-wide initiative which will see Highways England deliver 200 projects over the next five years after the government set up a £100 million dedicated fund for cycling in its Road Investment Strategy.

Ongoing work for this week:

### **A12 Lowestoft – Station Road/Gunton St/Peters Avenue**

There will be off peak three way lights upgrading the existing footpath works. The northbound bus stop opposite the works has temporarily been suspended, whilst the southbound bus stop has been relocated.

A12 Lowestoft: Bascule Bridge works

We will be carrying out routine maintenance works on the A12 Bascule Bridge at Lowestoft. This will be between Monday 30 January and Monday 20 February, from 8pm to 6am. During the work the A12 will be closed in both directions at the bridge and a diversion will be clearly signposted. Northbound traffic will travel north from the Bloodmore Lane roundabout on the A1117 (Bloodmoor Road, Elmtree Road, Cotmer Road), right at the T-junction between A1117 Cotmer Road and A146 Bridge Road onto the A146, left onto the A1117 (Bridge Road) and over the Oulton Broad Bridge, carry on the A1117 (Normanston Drive), turning left at the roundabout with the A1144 (Normanston Drive and Millenium Way) and right along A1117 Bentley Drive, to re-join A12 northbound (Yarmouth Road) by turning left at Tesco roundabout toward Great Yarmouth. Southbound traffic will follow the same route in reverse.

A free hourly bus service will be provided for pedestrians wanting to cross the bridge. This will leave from the north side of the bridge at quarter past the hour and from the south side at quarter to the hour.

## **A12/A47 renumbering**

Highways England has started work to renumber part of the A12 to become the A47. This work is being carried out as part of the improvements to the A47/A12 corridor. We will be replacing road signs that currently show the A12 to now show the A47. The work will last approximately 12 weeks to complete. The section of the A12 that currently runs from Lowestoft to Great Yarmouth will become the A47.

There will be off peak lane closures and two/three way traffic lights during the day and night throughout Lowestoft on the A12 installing sign faces and patches.

## **A14 Bury St Edmunds: junction improvements**

Improvement works are being carried out on the A14 junction 45 Rookery Crossroads/Rougham. Works include construction of new eastbound slip roads, which are being funded by Suffolk County Council as part of the Bury St Edmunds Eastern Relief Road scheme. There is a 24 hour 40mph speed limit in place through the works for safety reasons, works are currently taking place overnight using lane closures in both directions. The works are due to take five months to complete.

## **A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire: major improvements**

Early preparatory construction work on the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon scheme has been underway for a number of months.

We are currently carrying out a variety of tasks which will require us to close lanes/carriageway on the A1, A14 and some of the side roads. The work we will be doing will include:

- creating strengthened crossing points for site vehicles on a number of the side roads; these are called plant crossings
- installing access points to our construction compounds
- taking core samples of the existing trunk roads to enable appropriate design and construction
- clearing the site of vegetation which is adjacent to the live carriageway
- installing CCTV and average speed cameras

Wherever possible, work will take place at night (usually between 8pm and 6am) to minimise disruption to traffic. During the week commencing Monday 30 January lane or carriageway closures are currently planned for the following locations to enable site clearance and installation of CCTV to take place.

All closures will be effective between 8pm and 6 am unless stated.

Full closures:

Monday 30 January:

- full closure of A428 eastbound from Caxton to Girton
- full closure of the A1 northbound between Brampton Hut and Alconbury
- A1 northbound Brampton Hut entry slip road closed
- A1 northbound Alconbury exit slip road closed

Tuesday 31 January:

- full closure of the A1 Northbound between Brampton Hut and Alconbury
- A1 northbound Brampton Hut entry slip road closed
- A1 northbound Alconbury exit slip road closed

Wednesday to February to Friday 3 February:

- full closure of the A1 southbound between Alconbury and Brampton Hut
- A1 Southbound Brampton Hut Exit slip road closed
- A1 Southbound Alconbury Entry slip road closed

Lane closures:

Monday 30 January to Tuesday 3 January:

- A1 northbound between Buckden and Brampton lane 2 closure

Wednesday 1 February to Friday 3 February:

- A1 southbound between junctions 15 and 14 closure of lanes 2,3 and 4

## **A14 Cambridgeshire: drainage repairs**

Highways England is undertaking investigations and repairs to the drainage system of the A14 between junctions 32 (Girton – M11 interchange) and 35 (Stoke cum Quy). They will be working off the road during the day clearing vegetation and re-profiling drainage ditches. There will be lane closures and

slip road closures between 8pm and 6am while we are working overnight, with all works on weekdays only.

This week we are working on the A14 in both directions with the inside lane closed between junctions 34 and 35.

## **A47 Dogsthorpe: junction improvements (Peterborough City Council)**

Peterborough City Council is continuing its junction improvement work at the A47/A15 Dogsthorpe junction, Peterborough. The work will involve some overnight full closure and 24/7 lane closures on the A47. For more information, [visit the Peterborough City Council website](#).

## **A120 and A12 Essex: essential maintenance work**

We are completing essential maintenance work on the A120 and the A12 in Essex, which will be ongoing until May. This work will include resurfacing, safety barrier repairs, and bridge repairs, with work taking place between Braintree and Marks Tey, near Colchester, at Kelvedon, and at Wix. Unless detailed otherwise, work will be taking place between 8pm and 6am.

This week we are resurfacing the road and footpaths and replacing street lights, fencing and road signs on the A120 from Monday 30 to Friday 3 February, the A120 will be closed while we are working from the Marks Tey roundabout to the B1024 Coggeshall. Drivers heading westbound diverted to continue south on the A12 to junction 19, take the A130 northbound to Little Waltham, the A131 northbound through Great Notley, then re-join the A120 at Braintree. Drivers heading eastbound will follow this diversion in reverse. We expect this work to be completed by May.

Between Mark Tey to Marks Farm there will also be temporary traffic lights (one set in Coggeshall) to support the resurfacing works.

We are repairing drainage on the A120 Wix bypass, with work expected to be completed by late April. There will be traffic lights in place and a 40mph speed limit while we are working.

We are replacing the central reservation safety barrier on the A120 between junction 29 of the A12 (Crown Interchange) to Hare Green (between the B1029 and the A133). There will be narrow lanes westbound with a 50mph limit in place in both directions 24/7 throughout the works until mid-March. In addition there will be a lane 2 closure eastbound from Monday 30 to Friday 3 February overnight.

We are repairing bridge joints on the A12 Ewell Bridge near Kelvedon. We will complete this works over the weekends between Saturday 4 February and Monday 6 March. The closure will start on a Saturday evening to Monday morning. To keep road users at safe distance from works bridge will be closed to pedestrians and divers. Drivers will be diverted to take the A120 westbound to Braintree, then take the A131 southbound through Great Notley, then take

the A130 southbound and then east around Chelmsford to re-join the A12. Pedestrians who cross over Ewell Bridge westbound from its connection with Windmill Hill will be diverted head south on Windmill Hill to its junction with Highfields Lane, then along Highfields Lane, heading towards Kelvedon, before crossing Maldon Road Bridge to the junction with Ewell Hall Chase, and finally join Ewell Hall Chase to meet with the public right of way in the vicinity of Ewell Hall Farm. Pedestrians wishing to cross eastbound, the diversion is the reverse of the above.

## **A120 Great Bromley: road surface repairs**

Highways England will be repairing the road surface of the A120 near Great Bromley. Subject to weather conditions, we plan to complete this work between Tuesday 31 January and Friday 3 February working between 8pm and 6am on weeknights only.

To keep road users at a safe distance from the works, we will close the A120 westbound between the Harwich Road junction (shortly before the A133 Hare Green Interchange) and the A12/A120 Crown Interchange at Colchester. The westbound carriageway of the A133/A120 link road will also be closed during our works.

There will be a clearly signed diversion route in place while we are working, whereby drivers heading westbound will:

- exit at Horsley Cross Roundabout and take the B1035 south through Tendring
- take the B1033 west towards Weeley
- take the A133 west towards Colchester
- take the A1232 north towards Ipswich to re-join the A120 at the A12 Crown Interchange

Drivers who miss the Tendring diversion will be turned around at the A120/Little Bromley Road and A120/Harwich Road junctions to pick up the strategic diversion route at Horsley Cross roundabout.

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## **A38 – Alrewas to Cappers Lane including all associated slip roads: carriageway repairs**

The Southbound carriageway and associated Slip Road closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A38 – Cappers Lane to Alrewas and associated slip roads: sign inspections**

The southbound carriageway and associated slip road closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 30 January until 1 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A38M – M6 links from out of city A38M: carriageway repairs**

The Links from Out of City A38M will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A449 – Gailey roundabout to Brewood road: carriageway repairs**

The northbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A45 – A4423 to Church road: carriageway repairs**

The eastbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.



## **A456 – M5 junction 3 roundabout: carriageway repairs**

The roundabout will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 31 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A46 – Birmingham Road entry slip road: site investigation**

The northbound entry slip road will be closed overnight between 7pm and 7am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A46 – Warwick bypass link road northbound: site investigation**

The northbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 7pm and 7am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A46 – Leek Wootton entry slip road: site investigation**

The northbound entry slip road will be closed overnight between 7pm and 7am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A46 – Warwick bypass northbound: site investigation**

The northbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A5 – Gledrid roundabout and all approaches: roundabout widening scheme**

The roundabout and associated approaches will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A5 – Mile Oak exit slip road: carriageway repairs**

The westbound exit slip road will be closed overnight for one night from 9pm 3 February until 6am the following morning (4 February). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A500 – Talke junction island: carriageway repairs**

The eastside of the island will be closed for 24 hours 7 days a week from 9 January ongoing until 31 March. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A500 – City Road entry slip road: carriageway repairs**

The southbound entry slip road will be closed overnight for one night from 9pm 31 January until 6am the following morning (1 February). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **A45 – Stonebridge highway westbound: carriageway work**

The road will be closed overnight on Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 January. A diversion route will be signposted.

## **A45 – Stonebridge highway eastbound: carriageway work**

The road will be closed overnight on Tuesday 31 January. A diversion route will be signposted.

## **A46 – Coventry eastern bypass southbound: carriageway work**

The road will be closed overnight on 01 February. A diversion route will be signposted.

## **M42 – junction 4 exit slip road: carriageway work**

The northbound exit slip road will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 30 January until 9 February 23. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M42 – junction 1 entry and exit slip roads: off network carriageway work**

The entry and exit slip roads will be closed overnight in both directions between 9pm and 5.30am from 1st February until 5th February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted

## **M42 – junction 10 entry slip road: carriageway work**

The northbound entry slip road will be closed overnight between 8.30pm and 5am from 2 February until 4 February. A diversion route will be clearly

signposted.

## **M5 – junction 6 to junction 5 northbound: major scheme work**

The northbound carriageway and entry slip road at junction six will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 30 January until 1 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M5 – junction 5 to 4a northbound: major scheme work**

The northbound carriageway including the northbound entry slip road at junction five will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 30 January until 2 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M5 – junction 5 to junction 6 including southbound entry slip road: major scheme work**

The southbound carriageway including the entry slip road will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 2 February until 3 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M54 – junction 5 to junction 6: carriageway repairs**

The Westbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M54 – junction 5 entry slip road: carriageway repairs**

The westbound entry slip road will be closed overnight for one night from 8pm 30 January until 6am the following morning (31 January). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M54 – junction 6 to junction 7 including junction 6 entry slip road: carriageway repairs**

The westbound carriageway including the entry slip road will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 30 January until 1 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M54 – junction 7 to junction 6 including junction 7 entry slip road: carriageway repairs**

The eastbound carriageway including the entry slip road will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 1 February until 4 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 6 Salford Circus to M6: carriageway work**

The carriageway will be closed overnight in both directions between 9pm and 6am from 30th January until 5th February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 2 entry slip road: carriageway work**

The southbound entry slip road will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – M5 to M6 junction 8 (western arm): carriageway work**

The northbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 8 to M5 (western arm): carriageway work**

The southbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – Hilton Park services exit slip road: carriageway work**

The northbound exit slip road will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – Hilton Park services exit and entry slip road: carriageway work**

The southbound exit and entry slip roads will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 9 entry slip road: carriageway work**

The southbound entry slip road will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 30 January until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 16 to junction 15: carriageway work**

The southbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 30 January until 3 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 15 to junction 16 including junction 15 entry slip road: carriageway work**

The northbound

carriageway and entry slip road will be closed overnight between 10pm and 6am from 30 January until 1 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 6 exit slip road: carriageway work**

The southbound exit slip road will be closed overnight for one night from 9pm 2 February until 6am the following morning (3 February). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 11 entry slip road: carriageway work**

The northbound entry slip road will be closed overnight for one night from 9pm 2 February until 6am the following morning (3 February). A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 7 entry slip road: carriageway work**

The northbound entry slip road will be closed for 24/7 ongoing from 3 February until 10 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

## **M6 – junction 7 to junction 8: carriageway work**

The northbound carriageway will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am from 3 February until 5 February. A diversion route will be clearly signposted.

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## **M1 junction 28 to 35a, Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire/Yorkshire: smart motorway**

There will be various restrictions in place on the M1 between junctions 28 and 35a to allow for the construction of the smart motorway. These include lane closures, speed restrictions, hard shoulder running and overnight slip road or carriageway closures.

On Monday 30 January the southbound carriageway between junctions 33 and 32, northbound entry and exit slip at junction 28, northbound entry and exit slip at Tibshelf services and the southbound entry slip at junction 33 will be closed overnight from 8pm until 6am.

On Tuesday 31 January the southbound carriageway between junctions 33 and 32, southbound entry and exit slip at junction 28, northbound entry and exit slip at Tibshelf services and the southbound entry slip at junction 33 will be closed overnight from 8pm until 6am.

On Wednesday 1 February the southbound carriageway between junctions 33 and 32, southbound entry and exit slip at junction 29a, southbound up and over at junction 34 and the southbound entry slip at junction 33 will be closed overnight from 8pm until 6am.

On Thursday 2 February the southbound carriageway between junctions 33 and 32, southbound entry and exit slip at junction 29, southbound up and over at junction 34, southbound entry and exit slip at Tibshelf services and the southbound entry slip at junction 33 will be closed overnight from 8pm until 6am.

On Friday 3 February the southbound carriageway between junctions 33 and 32, southbound entry and exit slip at junction 29, north and southbound up and over at junction 34, northbound entry and exit slip at Tibshelf services and the southbound entry slip at junction 33 will be closed overnight from 8pm until 6am.

On Saturday 4 February and Sunday 5 February the southbound up and over at junction 33 and southbound up and over at junction 32 will be closed overnight from 8pm until 6am.

## **M1 junction 19 to 16, Northamptonshire: smart motorway**

From Monday 30 January until Wednesday 1 February there will be a full carriageway closure northbound between junctions 16 and 18, two lanes closed northbound between junctions 15a and 16 and two lanes closed southbound between junctions 18 and 16 from 9pm to 6am. At the same time the entry and exit slip northbound at junction 16 and Watford Gap services, exit slip at junction 18 and M45 will be closed.

On Friday 3 February two lanes will be closed north and southbound between junctions 16 and 18 from 9pm to 6am.

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### **M20 junctions 3 to 5, Kent: smart motorway surveys**

Work to improve journeys continue this week on the M20 between junctions 3 & 5. There will be various lane closures in both directions on Monday 30 January for 5 nights, between 8pm and 6am. Surveys are scheduled to be complete in April 2017.

## **M23 junctions 8 to 10a, South Nutfield to Crawley: smart motorway surveys**

Work to improve journeys continue this week on the M23 between junctions 8 & 10a. There will be various lane closures in place in both directions overnight on Monday 30 January for 5 nights, between 8pm and 6am. Surveys are scheduled to be complete in April 2017.

## **A2 Darenth to Bean, Kent: carriageway resurfacing**

Work to improve journeys continue this week on the A2. There will be a full closure of the westbound carriageway between the Bean B255 junction and the Darenth A282 junction on Monday 30 January for 5 nights between 10pm and 6am. There will be a clearly signed diversion route via the B255, A206 and A282. Works are scheduled to be complete in early March 2017.

## **A20 Western Heights to Courtwood, Kent: carriageway surveys**

Work to improve journeys between Courtwood junction and Western Heights roundabout take place this week. There will be a lane 1 closure on the westbound carriageway between the Courtwood junction and the A260 on Monday 30 January for 2 nights between 8pm and 6am.

There will be a lane 1 closure on the westbound carriageway between Western Heights roundabout and Courtwood interchange overnight on Wednesday 1 February between 8pm and 6am.

There will be a full closure of the eastbound carriageway between the A260 and Western Heights roundabout on Thursday 2 February for 3 nights between 8pm and 6am . A clearly signed diversion will be in place via A260, B2011 and the A256.

## **A20 Dover, Kent: junction improvement work**

Work to improve journeys by the Port of Dover continues this work. Phased work continues at the York Street junction and at the Union Street junction. Lane closures remain in place in both directions between the Limekiln and Woolcomber junctions. There will be no right turn facility along the section of the A20 for both eastbound and westbound traffic. Clearly signed diversions will be in place to direct traffic through the works.

For more information on the project, [visit the Port of Dover's website.](#)

## **A21 Tonbridge to Pembury, Kent: major improvement**

Work to improve journeys on the A21 between Tonbridge and Pembury continues this week. A 40mph speed limit remains in place 24/7 between the Vauxhall interchange and the A228.



A full closure will be in place overnight between 8pm and 6am on Thursday 2 February on the southbound carriageway between Quarry Hill and Longfield roundabout and on the northbound carriageway between Longfield roundabout and Vauxhall interchange. In addition Longfield Road will be closed in both directions between Longfield roundabout and Knights Park roundabout. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A26, A2014, A26 and the A228.

Two way traffic lights will be in place on the A21 overnight between 8pm and 6am from Monday 30 January for three nights and overnight on Friday 3 February.

Tonbridge Road will remain closed after Pembury Hospital up to and including Longfield Road roundabout until Spring 2017. A clearly signed diversion route will be in place via the A228 and the A21.

The scheme is due to be completed in Summer 2017.

For further information, [visit the scheme website](#).

## **A27 Pevensey, East Sussex: resurfacing works**

Work to improve journeys commence this week on the A27 between the Polegate bypass, and the A259 Pevensey junction. The eastbound carriageway will be closed overnight between Monday 30 January for 5 nights, between 8pm and 6am. There will be a clearly signed diversion via the A22, A2290 and A259. Works are expected to be completed by the end of February.

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## **[News story: Royal Air Force playing major role in world's premier air combat exercise](#)**

Based at Nellis Air Force Base, Exercise Red Flag pits 'Blue' coalition forces against hostile 'Red Force' aggressors, mirroring real-life threats in air-to-air, air-to-ground, space and cyber warfare.

Red Flag's live element takes place over the US Air Force's premier military training area in Nevada; over 15,000 square miles of airspace and 2.9 million acres of land – an impossible scale to achieve in Europe.

**Speaking about the Exercise, Defence Secretary Sir Michael Fallon said:**

The RAF is playing a major role alongside our greatest ally in the world's leading aerial combat training exercise.

Britain's pilots and aircrews will receive unparalleled training and an opportunity to sharpen the combat skills they are demonstrating every day in the fight against Daesh.

Training alongside our US partners and other nations shows how the UK is stepping up internationally, ensuring maximum interoperability with our allies, and in doing so helping keep Britain safer and more secure.

Typhoon jets, from 6 Squadron, RAF Lossiemouth, are operating in a swing-role capacity, fighting their way into hostile airspace, launching precision strikes on ground targets and fighting their way out again.

Typhoons taking on fuel from a RAF Voyager tanker during Exercise Red Flag.

Working with the US Air Force (USAF) F-35A Lightning II for the first time, and with USAF F-22 Raptors; the exercise has been a hugely rewarding exposure to 5th Generation aircraft for RAF crews ahead of the F-35B's introduction into the RAF's combat inventory in 2018.

US Air Force aircraft on take off at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada USA during Exercise RED FLAG, 2017.

This is also the first time the RAF's Voyager is taking part in the exercise. The Voyager is providing key air-to-air refuelling capability during the exercise, while a Sentinel and Rivet Joint are gathering intelligence and other mission-critical information.

**Speaking from the exercise, Group Captain Graham Pemberton, RAF Detachment Commander said:**

Red Flag replicates truly challenging, high-end warfare, from realistic aerial combat to emerging cyber and space threats. It's as close as we can get to the real thing.

Testing ourselves against highly capable enemy aggressors is hugely beneficial and improves and readies our personnel, from pilots to those in crucial support roles, for real world operations.

It's a privilege for us to work with our US Air Force and Royal

Australian Air Force counterparts and to cement our relationships with them at an exercise of this scale.

The exercise will run until early February and marks the start of three months of RAF Typhoon activity in the USA.