

Press release: A64 safety improvements due to start

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A series of improvements are being carried out on the A64 this month, which will improve safety for drivers.

Contractors for Highways England will begin a number of projects which include renewing the safety barrier, improving signage and drainage and resurfacing a footpath.

Work will start next week, Monday 6 February, to stabilise a drainage ditch which runs alongside the eastbound exit slip road at Brambling Fields in Malton increasing flood resilience in the future. Work will take place between 7.30am and 6pm, and is expected to last for three weeks.

To carry out the work as quickly and safely as possible, the eastbound exit slip road will be fully closed 24 hours a day for the duration of the works and at times there will be a lane 1 closure on the eastbound A64 just past the slip road.

Highways England project manager Adeeb Saeed said:

This is essential maintenance which will strengthen the drainage ditch to protect it from eroding and ensure that it provides effective drainage in the future.

Work will also start next week to replace sections of the safety barrier between Grimston and Hopgrove.

This work will be carried out overnight between 8pm and 6am under lane closures to keep disruption to a minimum for drivers.

There will also be a temporary speed limit of 60mph for the safety reasons due to us working on the safety barrier.

The following week work is due to start to renew the safety barrier and improving the signage around Scampston Bridge.

And later this month work will start on resurfacing the footpath on the A64 Pickering westbound entry slip road. This will involve lane closures between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

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.

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This decision includes the permit, decision document for:

- Operator name: MWH Treatment Limited
 - Installation name: Ince Bio Power
 - Permit number: EPR/RP3939WF/A001
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A weapon being loaded onto the Merlin Weapons Systems Trainer. Crown Copyright.

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