

Speech: Wales Business Export Summit

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Introduction

Good morning and thank you Dylan for the introduction, I'm delighted to be welcoming you all here this morning.

This event has been in the making since my very first conversation with Liam Fox, the Secretary of State for International Trade, back in the summer of last year.

It was in the aftermath of the referendum, and the reality that the nation had just voted to leave the EU.

We recognised that this would provide some challenges for all Welsh businesses and as mentioned to me by the chairman of CBI, businesses thrive on change and have shown great resilience.

However, we also recognise that this is a time of great opportunity, for the UK, Welsh businesses and the economy.

As part of the United Kingdom, Wales benefits from the economic security and international influence that comes from pooling our resources and sharing our successes with Scotland, England and Northern Ireland.

We need to make sure businesses in Wales have every tool in the box available to them, to take advantage of the opportunities presented.

Liam and I, and the Welsh Government share the same vision for a global and outward looking United Kingdom, and support a desire to ensure his department helps businesses right across the UK to reach their full potential by looking to global markets.

As the Prime Minister said in January 'the result of the referendum was not a decision to turn inward and retreat from the world'. She set up the UK Government Department of International Trade to focus on supporting you and other businesses in your trade ambitions and for that reason we must all be ambitious for Wales, and I want to see us taking advantage of every opportunity.

In December, Liam Fox and I met with a number of Welsh businesses.

Today, this summit builds on that engagement by bringing together more businesses from across Wales to hear about exporting.

In a few minutes, you will hear from my good friend and colleague, Mark Garnier, the Minister for Trade. He and I met last week to discuss how we can work together promoting trade and investment in Wales – We are already planning for the outcomes of today's summit.

I fully intend to ensure Welsh businesses are central to trade missions, I will be attending number of trade missions to offer my support to help land you that deal and I hope some of you will be able to join me.

Exports

Wales is already an exporting nation, the value of Welsh exports was £11.6 billion in 2015.

With technological advances removing the barriers of time and distance we have a golden opportunity to forge a new role for ourselves in the world, one which puts British people first.

Much of the advance technology powering our mobile phones and other devices is being pioneered right here in Wales.

Over half of the world's commercial aircraft are now flying using wings made by Airbus in Broughton and every two seconds, a GE powered airplane is taking off somewhere in the world.

But it's not just big business that can export, in fact, big business will only take us so far in our ambition.

In 2015, 4,000 Welsh companies took their first steps into exporting – my ambition is to see more Welsh businesses following in their footsteps.

Last week I was at the South Wales Chambers of Commerce Wales Business Awards where I had the privilege to meet with a number of different businesses that already export.

I'd like to extend my congratulations to winners of the success through overseas trade award, Welsh Hills Bakery, and all the nominees, some of whom I know are in this room today.

Small businesses across Wales, who are also supported by FSB and others, are exporting for the first time, with the support of both UK and Welsh Government.

Welsh lamb, Penderyn Whiskey and Anglesey Sea Salt to name just a few.

Halen Môn has been exporting since 2001 and has grown to the point where it now sells salt in 17 different countries across the world.

Government support

The exporting success of companies like Halen Môn is down to the entrepreneurship of those involved in the company. But Government also has a part to play in helping and supporting.

For Halen Môn, that included, setting up meetings with buyers in markets ranging from Hong Kong to Singapore, China, Russia and Japan.

Helping them navigate the necessary paperwork

And supporting their application for Protected Designation of Origin status in 2014.

Additionally, UK Government can support business by bringing together inspiring GREAT British companies in complimentary areas on Trade Missions and at other events.

The UK Government has 1,200 dedicated staff in 109 countries worldwide – a world class resource for businesses in Wales continue to tap in to and that is exactly what I want to see happening.

The Department for International Trade is a department for the whole of the UK, and I want to see businesses in Wales taking advantage of the support they can offer. Whether you are a business in Swansea or Swindon, you are entitled to the same support.

This financial year the activity calendar has included 791 trade missions and events available to UK companies.

It also includes more than 80 DIT created inward and outward missions to and from the UK with our key trading partners globally.

In Wales, the DiT has helped more than 600 companies this year with export service deliveries – including support from our posts overseas, help attending international trade shows and market research.

20 Welsh Companies have told us that our support has helped them win export deals worth more than £200 million in the last nine months.

Working with the Welsh Government

The support offered by the Welsh Government complements the support offered by UK Government. We are not in competition. We both want Welsh businesses to export and secure export deals.

Together, we are supporting businesses of all sizes and in all sectors with every step of their exporting journey.

I know the economic Minister, Ken Skates is disappointed not to be able to attend today, but later on this morning, Mick McGuire, Director for Sectors at the Welsh Government, will be joining us, alongside representatives from UK Government, for a session on the exporting support available to businesses in Wales.

I believe this demonstrates just how closely the UK Government and Welsh Government are working on this shared agenda.

After that, we will hear from Jon Rennie of Cloth Cat Animation, Tim Lowe from Dawnus, and Andrew Evans of SPTS, three successful Welsh exporters on their experiences of exporting and how Government has supported them in their endeavours. I would also like to hear where the UK Government could have gone further.

Conclusion

I hope that you will leave here today inspired to look to global markets.

I also hope that you leave here knowing how to access the tools that will help you make that vision a reality.

There are millions of people across the world looking for your skills, expertise, goods and services and I urge you to have a look.

My job as Secretary of State for Wales is to stand up for Welsh businesses and do everything I can to help companies like yours to prosper. My door is always open to you.

I want to emphasise that at a UK level, through my department at the Wales Office, through the Department for International Trade, and through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, we can help you take this vital work even further, forging new relationships around the world.

We are determined to do anything and everything we can to grow your business and secure export deals. I would now like to welcome the Minister for International Trade, Mark Garnier, who will talk more about the benefits of trading, and about the support that is available through his department.

[Press release: New RSC appointed for East Midlands and the Humber](#)

John Edwards, Director of Education and Skills at Manchester city council, has been named as the new Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and the Humber.

He will be responsible for overseeing the growth of academies in the region and will monitor their performance to ensure children receive the best possible education. He is taking over from Jennifer Bexon-Smith.

John will start later this year, working with Sir David Carter to shape the role and priorities of the growing numbers of academies in the region, contributing to the government's agenda of raising standards, by tackling underperformance to create more 'good' school places for every child regardless of background or circumstances.

John Edwards said:

I'm very much looking forward to the challenges of my new role as Regional Schools Commissioner for the East Midlands and the Humber, and hope I can make a real difference to the lives and outcomes of

children and young people working in partnership with everyone in the region.

I will undoubtedly miss Manchester and particularly all the people I work with. I know however that in their capable hands learning in the city will continue to go from strength to strength.

National Schools Commissioner Sir David Carter said:

I am thrilled that John Edwards is joining my team as the new Regional Schools Commissioner for the East Midlands and the Humber region. John was selected from a strong national field and will bring a wealth of experience and talent from his work as Director of Education and Skills in Manchester, that has improved the life chances of many young people.

Regional Schools Commissioners' (RSCs) responsibilities include:

- taking decisions on the creation of new academies
- monitoring their performance and improving underperforming academies
- ensuring there is a strong supply of excellent sponsors to work with underperforming schools in the region
- encouraging and supporting high-quality applications for new free schools

The East Midlands and the Humber commissioner works with 970 academies and free schools across the region.

[John will be advised by a board of headteachers](#) of 'outstanding' academies or experienced educational leaders. The board challenges and supports the work of the commissioner, bringing additional educational insight and local intelligence to decision-making.

1. The Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and the Humber is responsible for making decisions about academies and free schools in the following local authorities:
 - Barnsley
 - Derby
 - Derbyshire
 - Doncaster
 - East Riding of Yorkshire
 - Kingston upon Hull
 - Leicester
 - Leicestershire
 - Lincolnshire
 - north-east Lincolnshire
 - north Lincolnshire
 - Nottingham
 - Nottinghamshire
 - Rotherham

- Rutland
 - Sheffield
 - York
2. The [full list of Regional Schools Commissioners](#) are:
- Tim Coulson: East of England and north-east London
 - John Edwards: East Midlands and the Humber
 - Vicky Beer: Lancashire and West Yorkshire
 - Janet Renou: North of England
 - Martin Post: north-west London and south-central England
 - Dominic Herrington: South-East England and south London
 - Rebecca Clark: South-West England
 - Christine Quinn: West Midlands
3. The RSCs, supported by their headteacher boards, perform functions of the Secretary of State on her behalf, within a national framework. This will not cut across existing accountability lines; accountability will remain with the Secretary of State, with decisions better informed by sector expertise.
4. Mr Edward's biography: John Edwards has been the Director of Education and Skills for Manchester city council since February 2013, with responsibility for all of the council's education functions, including schools, early years, youth, 14 to 19 and adult skills. Prior to this role, John was Assistant Director for Learning and Skills at Kirklees council, and previously worked for Manchester city council (as Deputy Director of Children's Services) and for Wakefield council. Before moving into local government, John worked in schools across Yorkshire for over a decade, as a maths teacher, head of sixth form and senior leader. He is married with 2 school-age children and lives in Sheffield.
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[News story: Technologies of the future: apply for business funding](#)

Innovate UK has up to £15 million to support business projects that stimulate new products and services through emerging and enabling technologies. These technologies could be the basis for billion-pound industries of the future.

Emerging technologies

Emerging technologies are newly developed sciences, where the best application and value is yet to be realised. Examples include quantum technologies, graphene and 2D materials, biofilms, energy harvesting and synthetic biology.

Enabling technologies

Enabling technologies can have wide applicability. Many industries could benefit from advances in areas such as machine learning, compound semiconductors, and earth observation. Examples of enabling technologies include digital, space and satellite, electronics, sensors and photonics, and robotics.

Projects

We expect to fund projects in 4 priority areas:

- emerging technologies
- digital
- enabling capabilities
- space applications

Proposals must demonstrate significant innovation; be applicable to more than one industry, sector or market; and improve growth, productivity or create export opportunities for at least 1 SME.

Competition information

- the competition is open, and the deadline for registration is midday on 3 May 2017
- we expect projects to last between 6 months and 3 years and to range in size from £35,000 to £2 million
- projects must involve at least 1 SME and be led by a business or a research and technology organisation
- businesses could attract up to 70% of their project costs
- a briefing event for potential applicants will be held on 8 March 2017

[News story: Defence Secretary underlines UK commitment to European security](#)

Speaking at a meeting of European Union Defence Ministers in Brussels, Sir Michael Fallon called on the EU to step up cooperation with NATO in order for the two organisations to more effectively tackle shared security challenges, including hybrid warfare and cyber.

Sir Michael also called for an improvement in Europe's performance in building national capabilities that can be made available to the EU and NATO. This requires more defence spending and better investment in key equipment.

Britain's commitments in 2017 underline the leading role in European Security the UK will continue to play. This year, Britain is leading NATO's Very High Readiness Joint Task Force, a Brigade-size force which is ready and willing to respond to any threat. This spring, the UK will also deploy a battle group of around 800 personnel to lead in Estonia NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence.

The Defence Secretary also confirmed Britain's strong role in EU missions and operations. HMS Echo is currently helping to tackle people smugglers in the Mediterranean, as part of the EU's mission Operation Sophia. Royal Navy deployments to the operation have helped destroy over 120 smuggling boats, apprehending 20 suspected smugglers in the process, and have helped to rescue 10,000 people from the high seas.

Britain also has over 150 UK personnel committed to EU missions and operations, including in Bosnia, Mali and Somalia, demonstrating Britain's global reach.

Defence Secretary Sir Michael Fallon said:

We are leaving the EU but we will continue to cooperate with our European partners on defence and security. This includes playing our part in the mission in the Mediterranean, rescuing migrants and tackling people smuggling.

Today I have urged the EU to cooperate more closely with NATO, to avoid unnecessary duplication and to work together on new threats, including cyber.

Sir Michael called on the EU and NATO to redouble their efforts on cooperation, noting that while good progress has been made, more work needed to be done, particularly on cyber, hybrid, maritime and coordinated exercises.

Today's meeting also brought forward improvements to the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and operations, through the Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC), to help improve planning and conduct of the training missions (known as non-executive missions) and to enhance civilian and military working. Important improvements to the agreement, suggested by the UK, were agreed today, including limiting the authority of the Director of the MPCC, and avoiding duplication with NATO structures.

[Press release: Planned roadworks in](#)

Central Southern England: 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 3 March 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.

M3 junctions 2 (M25) to 4a Farnborough, Hampshire: Smart motorway improvement

Work to reduce congestion and improve journey times continues this week with narrow lanes a 50mph speed limit in place on both carriageways between junctions 2 and 4a, with a free recovery service operating 24 hours a day.

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

M3 junction 8 Popham, Hampshire: bridge strengthening

Work to maintain journeys by undertaking bridge bearing and support replacement continues this week. Narrow lanes and a 50mph speed restriction are in place on the link from the M3 southbound to the A303 westbound 24 hours a day until May.

M3 junction 10 Winchester, Hampshire: safety barrier

Work to improve safety by carrying out repairs to the barrier along the M3 starts this week. Lane closures will be in place on the northbound carriageway overnight, between 10pm and 6am, from Monday 6 March for 5 nights.

M3 junction 12 Chandlers Ford, Hampshire: street lighting

Work to maintain road user safety by carrying out maintenance to the street lighting at the junction starts this week. The northbound exit and entry slip roads and the westbound lane over the bridge at the junction will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, from Thursday 9 March for 8 nights. Clearly signed diversions will be in place via the adjacent junctions.

M3 junctions 12 Chandlers Ford to 11 Winchester, Hampshire: resurfacing

Work to improve journeys by resurfacing a section of the M3 northbound carriageway near Otterbourne finishes this week. The northbound carriageway from junction 12 to junction 11 will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 6am, until Wednesday 8 March. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via Otterbourne.

M4 junctions 5 Slough to 6 Windsor, Berkshire: street lighting

Work to maintain road user safety by carrying out maintenance to the street lighting along the M4 continues this week. Lane closures will be in place on the east and westbound carriageways overnight, between 9pm and 6am, until Wednesday 26 April (Monday to Friday only).

M4 junction 7 Maidenhead, Berkshire: signs and surveys

Work to keep road users informed by maintaining the signage along the M4 and by carrying out surveys in preparation for converting the M4 into a Smart Motorway continues this week. Lane closures will be in place on the eastbound exit and on the southbound Huntercombe Spur overnight, between 9pm and 6am, until Tuesday 14 March (Monday to Friday only).

M4 junction 8/9 Maidenhead to 10 Wokingham, Berkshire: surveys

Work to improve journeys by carrying out surveys in preparation for converting the M4 into a Smart Motorway continues this week. Lane 1 of the westbound carriageway will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 6am, until Friday 10 March.

M4 junction 10 Wokingham, Berkshire: bridge reconstruction

Work to refurbish the bridge which carries the link roads over the M4 continues this week. Narrow lanes and a 40mph speed limit are in place on the slip roads and a 50mph speed limit is in place on the M4 carriageway until November 2017.

M4 junctions 10 Wokingham to 11 Reading, Berkshire: safety barrier

Work to improve safety by carrying out repairs to the barrier along the M4 near Shinfield continues this week. Lane closures will be in place on the

westbound carriageway overnight, between 10pm and 6am, until Friday 17 March (Monday to Friday only).

M4 junctions 11 to 12 Reading, Berkshire: resurfacing

Work to improve journeys by replacing a bridge joint and resurfacing a section of the M4 westbound carriageway between Moto services and junction 12 continues this week. The westbound carriageway will be fully closed overnight, between 10pm and 6am, until Friday 10 March. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A33 and A4.

M4 junctions 12 Theale to 13 Chieveley, West Berkshire: bridge refurbishment

Work to refurbish the bridges which carry the M4 over Dark Lane and Ashampstead Road continues this week. Narrow lanes and a 50mph speed limit will be in place on the east and westbound carriageways until August.

M27 junction 2 Ower, Hampshire: road markings

Work to maintain road user safety by renewing the road markings at the junction takes place this week. The westbound entry slip road at the junction will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 6am, on Monday 6 March. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 3 and return.

M27 junction 4 Chilworth (Southampton), Hampshire: road markings

Work to maintain road user safety by renewing the road markings along the eastbound carriageway takes place this week. The M27 eastbound carriageway will be fully closed between the slips for the M3 overnight, between 9pm and 6am, on Saturday 11 March. A clearly signed diversion will be in place north up the M3 to junction 12, then south on the M3 to re-join the M27.

M27 junction 5 Eastleigh, Hampshire: road markings

Work to maintain road user safety by renewing the road markings at the junction takes place this week. The eastbound exit slip road at the junction 5 will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 6am, from Wednesday 8 March for 4 nights (Monday to Friday). A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 7 and return.

In addition, the southbound link from the M3 to the M27 eastbound carriageway will also be closed during the same period. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via Chilworth Roundabout, Bassett Green Road and Stoneham Way.

M27 junction 8 Bursledon, Hampshire: road markings

Work to maintain road user safety by renewing the road markings at the junction takes place this week. The eastbound entry slip road at the junction will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 6am, on Sunday 12 March. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 7 and return.

M27 junctions 8 Bursledon to 7 Hedge End, Hampshire: resurfacing

Work to improve journeys by resurfacing the M27 finishes this week. The westbound carriageway from junction 8 to junction 7 will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 6am, until Friday 10 March. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A27.

M27 junctions 8 Bursledon to 9 Whiteley, Hampshire: resurfacing

Work to improve journeys by resurfacing the M27 continues this week. Lanes 1 and 2 of the eastbound carriageway and the eastbound exit slip road at junction 9 will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 6am, from Monday 6 March for 2 weeks (Monday to Friday only). A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 11 and return.

M271 Southampton, Hampshire: road markings and signs

Work to maintain road user safety by renewing the road markings and maintaining the signage along the M271 takes place this week. The southbound links between the A3057 Romsey Road roundabout and the M27, between the M27 and Lordshill Roundabout and the southbound entry slip road at junction 1 will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 6am, on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 March. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A3057 Romsey Road and Brownhill Way.

A3(M) junction 2 Waterlooville, Hampshire: drainage

Work to maintain road user safety by carrying out drainage maintenance along the A3(M) continues this week. Lane closures will be in place on the northbound carriageway and the exit and entry slip roads at junction 2 overnight, between 9pm and 6am, from Wednesday 8 March for 4 nights (Monday to Friday only).

A3(M) Cowplain to A3 Petersfield, Hampshire: road markings

Work to maintain road user safety by renewing the road markings along the A3 takes place this week. The northbound carriageway from A3(M) junction 2 to

Petersfield will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 6am, from Thursday 9 March for 2 nights.

During the closures clearly signed diversions will be in place suitable for motorway permitted vehicles (via the A3M, M27, A32 and A272) and non-motorway vehicles (A3, A32 and A272).

A3 Hogs Back (A31), Surrey to Longmoor, Hampshire: road markings

Work to maintain road user safety by renewing the road markings along the A3 takes place this week. The A3 southbound carriageway from the A31 Hogs Back to the Longmoor junction will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 6am, from Monday 6 March for 3 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A31 and A325.

A3 Ockham to Guildford, Surrey: drainage

Work to maintain road user safety by carrying out drainage maintenance along the A3 continues this week. Lane closures will be in place on both carriageways overnight, between 10pm and 6am, from Monday 6 March for 2 weeks (Monday to Friday only).

In addition, the southbound entry slip road at the Send Interchange will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 6am, from Friday 10 March for 5 nights (Monday to Friday only). A clearly signed diversion will be in place via Guildford.

A27 Portsmouth, Hampshire: resurfacing

Work to improve road user's journeys by repairing damaged carriageway takes place this week. Lane closures will be in place on the westbound approach to the A2030 Eastern Road junction overnight, between 9pm and 6am, on Monday 6 March.

A31 St Leonards, Dorset: drainage

Work to maintain road user safety by carrying out drainage maintenance along the A31 continues this week. Lane closures will be in place on the east and westbound carriageways between the Ashley Heath and Palmersford roundabouts overnight, between 10pm and 6am, until Friday 10 March.

A31 Ringwood to Picket Post, Hampshire: resurfacing

Work to improve journeys by resurfacing a section of the A31 eastbound carriageway from Poulner Hill to Picket Post starts this week. The A31 eastbound carriageway will be fully closed from the A338 Ringwood Interchange to Stoney Cross overnight, between 10pm and 6am, from Monday 6 March for 12 nights (Monday to Friday only). A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A338, Salisbury and the A36.

A34 Three Maids Hill (Winchester), Hampshire: surveys

Work to improve journeys by carrying out surveys of the carriageway and drainage system takes place this week. The southbound exit and entry slip roads at the A272 junction will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 6am, on Tuesday 7 March.

In addition, the northbound entry slip road at the A272 junction will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 6am, on Thursday 9 March.

During all closures a clearly signed diversion will be in place via the adjacent junctions.

A34 Sutton Scotney, Hampshire: drainage

Work to maintain road user safety by carrying out drainage maintenance along the A34 continues this week. Lane closures will be in place on the northbound carriageway from the A272 (Three Maids Hill) to the A303 (Bullington Cross) overnight, between 10pm and 6am, until Friday 10 March.

A34 Bullington Cross to Highclere, Hampshire: resurfacing and road markings

Work to improve road user's journeys by resurfacing a section of the A34 northbound carriageway finishes this week. The A34 northbound carriageway will be closed from the A303 (Bullington Cross) to the A343 (Wash Common) overnight, between 10pm and 6am, until Thursday 9 March. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A303, Andover and A343.

In addition, work to improve journeys by renewing the road markings along the southbound carriageway starts this week. The southbound carriageway will be closed from the A343 (Highclere/Wash Common) to the A303 (Bullington) overnight, between 10pm and 6am, from Wednesday 8 March for 4 nights (Monday to Friday). A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A343, Andover and A303.

A34 Speen to Chieveley, West Berkshire: road markings

Work to improve journeys by renewing the road markings along the A34 near Newbury continues this week. The northbound carriageway will be closed from the A4 (Speen) to Chieveley overnight, between 10pm and 6am, on Tuesday 7 March. During the closures clearly signed diversions will be in place suitable for motorway permitted vehicles (via the M4 junction 14 and the A4) and non-motorway vehicles (via Hermitage and Newbury).

A34 Drayton to Didcot, Oxfordshire: resurfacing

Work to improve road user's journeys by resurfacing a section of the A34 southbound carriageway continues this week. The A34 southbound will be closed from the A415 Marcham Interchange to the A4185 Chilton Junction overnight, between 10pm to 6am, until Tuesday 14 March (Monday to Friday only). A clearly signed diversion will be in place from the A420 Botley Interchange, the west on the A420, south on the A338 to Wantage, then east back towards Chilton/Milton.

A34 Didcot to Oxford, Oxfordshire: road markings

Work to improve journeys by renewing the road markings along the A34 continues this week. The northbound carriageway will be closed from the A4185 Milton Interchange to the A420 Botley Interchange overnight, between 10pm and 6am, from Tuesday 7 March for 4 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A417, A338 and A420.

A34 Oxford, Oxfordshire: street lighting

In addition, work to maintain road user safety by carrying out maintenance to the street lighting at the A44 Peartree Interchange continues this week. A lane closure will be in place on the roundabout overnight, between 9pm and 6am, until Wednesday 15 March (Monday to Friday only).

A34 Peartree to Kidlington (Oxford), Oxfordshire: resurfacing

Work to improve road user's journeys by resurfacing a section of the A34 northbound carriageway starts this week. The A34 northbound will be closed from the A44 Peartree Interchange to Kidlington overnight, between 10pm to 6am, from Thursday 9 March for 4 weeks (Monday to Friday only).

During the closures clearly signed diversions will be in place suitable for motorway permitted vehicles (via the A44, A40 M40) and non-motorway vehicles (A44, A4095 and A41).

A303 Popham to Micheldever, Hampshire: drainage

Work to maintain road user safety by carrying out drainage maintenance along the A303 continues this week. Lane closures will be in place on the east and westbound carriageways overnight, between 9pm and 6am, until Friday 10 March.

In addition, the eastbound exit slip road at the Micheldever junction will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 6am, from Thursday 9 March for 2 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via Stockbridge Road and the A33.

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Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact

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