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M20 J8-9 Moveable Barrier Solution

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## **Important information to our stakeholders**

### **Upcoming works on the M20 for the moveable barrier solution/Brock Scheme**

As an organisation involved with our motorway network, I am writing to advise you of some essential works due to take place from next month between junctions 9 and 8 in relation to a new moveable barrier on the M20.

The Department for Transport announced in February 2020 that a new moveable barrier on the M20 would be deployed when required as part of a system to minimise disruption to drivers and Kent communities.

The system will allow port-bound lorries to be held on the motorway and at the same time help ensure other traffic continues to run in both directions. Unlike previous solutions it also means that, when it is not deployed, the M20 motorway can operate with three lanes running in each direction, at 70mph.

The new system avoids month long closures to install a steel barrier and by closing the road overnight, means disruption during busier periods is reduced, which is positive for drivers, local businesses and residents.

To prepare for the new system we need to do some work on the hard shoulder of the M20 from September. This will be between junctions 9 and 8 of the London-bound carriageway. There will be overnight or lane closures between these junctions from Tuesday 1 September until the end of November. This will involve no scheduled day time closures and we aim to finish these works in November. We have, however, built in contingency time during December in case of unforeseen circumstances such as poor weather which could affect our schedule.

Our work has been carefully planned to avoid closures during the August Bank Holiday and October half term and will be carried out on a 7.5 mile stretch of the motorway at a time, carried out in parts, to minimise disruption.

A safety barrier, which will separate our work from the live carriageway, will gradually be moved up the motorway as sections of the work are completed. The safety barrier is expected to move along the carriageway once every two weeks.

The London-bound carriageway will be closed overnight, between 9.00pm and 6.00am, from Tuesday 1 September until Friday 11 September and at the same times between Monday 16 November and Wednesday 25 November. The motorway will be open on the evenings of Sunday 6 September or Sunday 22 November as there is no work on those nights. Please check <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/travel-updates/find-roadworks/> closer to the time for any updates.

By doing our work overnight we've avoided full closures during the daytime.

During the work, the London-bound carriageway will be reduced to two lanes for safety with a speed limit of 50mph during the day. Work to install gates on the central reservation will require some additional overnight closures of the London-bound carriageway and overnight lane closures on the coast-bound carriageway. The coast-bound M20 will remain open at 60mph while this work is taking place. Advance notice of these closures will be communicated nearer the time.

Whenever the London-bound carriageway is closed clearly signed diversion routes will be in place. These are:

- Junction 9 to 8 London bound diversion route: Traffic will be diverted from junction 9 via the A20 to re-join the M20 at junction 8.
- Vehicles over 4.7m high need to follow a different route, which is to turn around at junction 9 to re-join the M20 towards Dover, then the A20, the A2, then the M2. Drivers should then leave the M2 for the A249, to re-join the M20 at junction 7 and head back towards junction 8.

This work has been planned with Kent Resilience Forum partners, including Kent Police and Kent County Council.

Please contact us on 0300 123 5000 should you have any enquiries or visit our webpage:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/m20-junction-8-to-9-moveable-barrier/> for more information.

Yours faithfully,



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