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Dear Sir/Madam

M56 junctions 6 to 8 motorway upgrade - full weekend closure

I'm writing to let you know that we will be carrying out a full weekend closure of both carriageways on the M56 between junctions 6 to 8 next month.

The closure will be in place from 9pm Friday 25 March, until 5.30am Monday 28 March 2022.

This is to allow us to install two superspan gantries, put new technology cables in place and carry out essential ducting work.

To safely complete these works, we will be closing both carriageways for the full weekend as follows:

- Junctions 9 to 5 will be closed for eastbound traffic (heading towards Manchester)
- Junctions 5 to 8 will be closed for westbound traffic (heading away from Manchester)

Traffic will be diverted while this work is being carried out. Drivers are asked to follow the signed M56 diversion routes during these closures. Please do not use satnav when following the diversion. Delays are expected, before travelling plan ahead and allow extra time to complete your journey.

We appreciate the closure will have an impact on motorists travelling over the weekend and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We have looked to minimise the disruption by carrying out works on these dates. There is no major sporting fixture taking place and it is also ahead of the Easter holidays.

Additionally, our work can be noisy and while we will keep it to a minimum some of it is unavoidable. For example, reversing beepers on vehicles must be used for health and safety.

Thank you for bearing with us and again, apologies for any inconvenience the work may cause.

Please note, the works are subject to weather conditions. Should the planned weekend closure be cancelled, we've scheduled a second weekend as precaution. This closure would take place from 9pm Friday 8 April to 10am Sunday 10 April, but only if necessary.

Upcoming work

Works on the westbound carriageway are planned for completion in spring. Our next phase of work involves changing the central reservation to a concrete barrier.

As a result, we will be altering the traffic management layout through a series of overnight lane, junction or full carriageway closures. Further details about this work will be available closer to time.

How to find out more

If you would like more information about these works or on the scheme, please visit: nationalhighways.co.uk/M56-J6-8. Here you can register to receive updates about our planned work and you can also view the diversion routes that will be in place.

If you would like to receive future traffic management updates, please register your details via email at: M56Junctions6to8@gallifordtry.co.uk.

If you do not have internet access, information can be requested by contacting us on 0300 123 5000, or by writing to us at the address at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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