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Our ref: M40 J3-5 Noise Barrier Scheme

Dear Sir/Madam,

## M40 Junctions 3-5: Noise Barrier Scheme Update – Upcoming Works at Flackwell Heath

I am writing to update you on progress regarding the M40 junctions 3-5 noise barrier scheme & upcoming works regarding this scheme.

We have developed a phased programme for barrier installation, working collaboratively with the local authorities, utility companies and others to coordinate and combine work programmes and resources were possible, to minimise disruption to local communities and the travelling public during construction.

Whilst we appreciate that disruption on any scale is not ideal, we expect to be working both day and night shifts Monday to Saturday to carry out our work as quickly and safely as possible. Advance notice will be given where any access to adjacent land may be required to enable the barriers to be safely installed.

We are now ready to commence the following works at the Flackwell Heath site:

- Removal of the existing vehicle restraint system
- Installation of new noise barrier
- Installation of new vehicle restraint system

We will need to put some temporary traffic restrictions in place. At Flackwell Heath this will include closure of hard shoulder in areas where we are working to keep our road workers safe and some night time lane closures so that we can carry out work safely and efficiently:

- 24hr Hard shoulder closure of the M40 for daytime works. For night time works we will install a lane 1 / 2 closure of the M40 (9pm > 6am)
- W/C 5<sup>th</sup> March for approximately 4 weeks

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For further details about the scheme, visit <a href="www.highways.gov.uk/m40-junction-3-to-8">www.highways.gov.uk/m40-junction-3-to-8</a>. We will continue to update this Project Webpage as works progress. If you would like regular progress updates and the latest traffic management information, please visit the Webpage where you can 'subscribe' to be alerted to any updates.

If you have any further queries about the project, please email us at <a href="M40noise@highwaysengland.co.uk">M40noise@highwaysengland.co.uk</a> or contact the 24hr Highways England Customer Contact Centre on <a href="0300">0300</a> 123 5000.

Yours faithfully

David Owen

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