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Dear Customer

**Re: A45/A46 Festival Interchange footbridge replacement scheme**

I'm writing to inform you of some upcoming maintenance work on the A45/A46, near Coventry. This work will be carried out on our behalf by our contractor, Kier.

**What we're doing and why? What are the benefits?**

We'll be replacing the pedestrian footbridge which is located on the A45/A46 Festival Interchange. This is the bridge that spans the A45 westbound entry slip, which also leads to Baginton Mill Allotments. As the bridge no longer meets the requirements in accordance with current standards, this will need to be replaced. The completed work will also ensure the headroom of the bridge is significantly higher than its predecessor. Once replaced, this will extend the life of the bridge, whilst minimising the need for future maintenance.

**When will this work take place?**

We'll work from **19 April 2021** to late **October 2021, Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 4.30pm**. This may also include the occasional Saturday, if required. Working throughout the day gives added safety to both the road user, and our workforce on site. Our work will be carried out using a combination of full carriageway closures and lane closures.

To remove the bridge safely, we'll need to close Festival Interchange for a weekend as follows; A46 northbound exit slip, A45 westbound entry slip, and the south west quarter of the gyratory. Our closures will be in place from **8pm on Friday 23 April to 5am on Monday 26 April 2021**. Removing the bridge over the weekend period will ensure traffic counts are significantly lower, reducing the impact to our customers. There is also a contingency shift allocated for the following weekend due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances (8pm on Friday 30 April 2021 to 5am on Monday 3 March 2021). We'll provide updates via our A46 traffic management bulletins if required.

Once we've removed the bridge, work will continue under lane closures. This will allow us to complete the necessary work to make way for the installation of the new bridge. As the new bridge is still in the process of being manufactured, we're unable to give an exact date for when this will be installed. We believe this is likely to take place around late October 2021. As soon as we have a date confirmed, we'll provide an update to

customers via our A46 traffic management bulletins. To install the bridge safely, this will require a further full closure of the A45/A46 at the same locations as before.

Alternative pedestrian access can be found by using the controlled pedestrian crossing point just before St Martins Road Island. This will be fully signed for pedestrians to follow. Access to Baginton Mill Allotments will remain open throughout, via Mill Lane. Further to this, access to Leaf Lane and Howes Lane will be maintained at all times.

Our planned road works may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. If there are any changes to the programme, we'll use the black and yellow signs at the side of the road to provide updates.

### **What does this mean for you**

During full closures, we'll provide a fully signed diversion route. Full details enclosed for reference.

If you'd like to be kept up to date with future works along the A46, please subscribe to our mailing list by emailing [noreplyA46WMids@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:noreplyA46WMids@highwaysengland.co.uk). If you've previously subscribed, no further action required.

I'd also like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption to those living close to the work. We'll make every effort to carefully manage noise levels and additional lighting to minimise the impact.

We're following the latest government guidelines and will incorporate any new measures, including social distancing guidance, into our safe workplace planning. All our sites have strict safeguarding measures to prevent the spread of COVID19 and none of our sites are open to the public. All major construction projects are closely monitored, and the situation is kept under constant review.

### **Find out more**

If you have any questions, or if you would like to know more about our work, please call us on **0300 123 5000** or email [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk). You can also visit our website at [highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/](http://highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/) or write to us at Highways England, National Traffic Operations Centre, 3 Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park, Birmingham, B32 1AF. Please leave your feedback by completing our online survey. Just scan the QR code below.

Yours faithfully  
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