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A draft statement below:

The programme for the M2 junction 7 to 5 full carriageway closure is to carry out essential carriageway repairs (resurfacing) to lanes 1 and 2, and the hard shoulder, between J6 and 5 (adjacent to Rawling Street north of Milstead).

This section of the M2 is a two-lane carriageway and we are unable to undertake these works in single lane closure due to the clearance required for the safety of our workforce and the public. By concentrating on three weekends we would considerably reduce the number of closures on the M2.

Highways England recognise the impact the closures of the weekend of 12th July had on the local Kent road network and inconvenience on all our customers. Consequently, we have undertaken a thorough review of our plans in collaboration with Kent County Council Highways Team.

In liaison with our partners at Kent County Council we have agreed that we will not put out any closures between Friday night and Saturday day time. This will enable peak traffic flows as part of the main summer getaway the opportunity to travel through Kent with less restrictions placed upon them. We will monitor the traffic through Saturday day and subject to satisfactory conditions across the Highways England and Kent road networks we will commence work Saturday night and maintain the full closure through Sunday day time, removing traffic management 4.30am on Monday morning.

Additional traffic management measures will be implemented to assist road users with their journeys. These include enhanced signage across both the HE and KCC networks and within the Port of Dover, additional measures to ensure traffic from the Port of Dover uses the A20/M20 instead of the A2/M2 and traffic signal management at A2/A299 Brenley Corner. KCC have supported the works by removing the planned utility works on the A2 which will remove one of the bottle necks from the previous weekend.

Outstanding work will be carried out through existing planned overnight closures and we will continue to work with Kent County Council and the Kent Corridor Co-ordination Group(*) to identify options for future weekend closures.

* Kent Corridor Co-ordination Group - Within Area 4 we have set up the Kent Corridor Co-ordination Group (KCCG). This is a forum with HE (Ops and Major Projects), Kent County Council and Medway Local Authority, set up to enable successful co-ordination of roadworks throughout Kent – principally in recognition to complete last years programme of works ahead of the original planned BREXIT date of 31 March 2019. The group works together to manage roadspace bookings and mitigate clashes, enabling each party to successfully deliver their programmes – last year there was a single escalation. The group has continued into this FY and there is a bi-weekly roadspace planning meeting – at which these closures have been discussed and agreed with each of the local authorities who will be effected. KCC has agreed the closures outlined in the above statement. A number of KCCG Hubs also exist, including a Stakeholder one, which has seen a number of presentations given to key stakeholders in Kent to ensure they have visibility of how we plan our works and work together to achieve our high level collective objectives.

Hope that helps? I will speak to A-One and try to explain what is going on!

I'll be leaving Kings Hill now – see you in Guildford tomorrow.

Thanks

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