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Dear Helen,

Re: Operation Brock

I wrote to you on 5 February 2019 to inform you of a series of overnight closures on the London-bound carriageway of the M20 as part of the work needed for Operation Brock.

As we continue our preparation for Operation Brock, more overnight closures on the M20 between Junction 7 to 9 will be needed in the next two weeks. During these closures, we will be carrying out a range of essential activity, including the installation of electronic signage, carriageway improvement work and work to the install emergency access gates and crossover gates at Junction 8 and Junction 9. The crossover gates are required to activate the contraflow.

The planned closures are as follows:

Start date	End date	Time	Coast-bound carriageway J7-9
Tues 12 March	Sat 16 March (6am)	8pm - 6am	Full overnight closures
Tue 12 March	Sat 16 March	24hrs	Lane 3 closures, with 50mph speed limit around road works
Mon 18 March	Wed 20 March (6am)	8pm - 6am	Full overnight closure planned
Sat 23 March	Mon 25 March (6am)	8pm - 6am	Full overnight closure planned for operational activation
			London-bound carriageway J7-9
Tues 12 March	Sun 17 March (6am)	8pm - 6am	Two lanes open with 50mph speed limit in contraflow
Mon 18 March	Mon 25 March (6am)	8pm - 6am	Full overnight closure (up to seven nights) depending on previous progress and operational requirements

Traffic affected by these closures will be diverted using clearly signed routes.

I appreciate that further overnight carriageway and lane closures will not be welcome news, but this work is essential for the safe delivery of Operation Brock. We only implement full overnight closures when absolutely necessary and we will do all we can to progress the work as quickly as possible whilst maintaining safety of road users and workers.

We will lift night time closures early whenever we are able to do so, in line with our previous commitment to you when the M20 J7-9 reopened before 5am almost every day.

Further overnight closures may be required on the M20 and M26 as we complete our final preparations for Operation Brock. The work schedule is subject to change in line with progress and operational requirements, so it will be confirmed with the travelling public nearer the time. Should you have any questions relating to Operation Brock or the upcoming works, please contact Tom Corbett, on Tom.Corbett@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



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