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Romsey Road bridge M27 Information Enclosed

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Dear resident,

Ref: Romsey Road bridge replacement scheme weekend closure 10pm Friday 28 September to 5am Monday 1 October 2018

We are writing to provide you with further information regarding the forthcoming closure of the Romsey Road bridge on the A3057 and junctions 3 to 4 of the M27. As you are aware, the bridge is coming to the final stages of its useful life so we are replacing the bridge completely.

The current bridge is made up of two bridges – an east bridge and a west bridge. Both bridges, despite appearances, are separate from one another. The purpose of the first weekend closure is to demolish the west bridge safely and efficiently.

What will happen first?

You will see a lot of activity in the area; we will have a number of people on site to ensure that the works take place safely and efficiently.

The road closures will be put into place on the Romsey Road bridge and on the A3057 from 10pm on Friday 28 September. Once complete, we will be busy protecting the motorways surface so that the carriageways are fit for use when we re-open them.

How will you be demolishing the bridge?

We will be using a method known as munching; machines with grabbing mechanisms will, in effect, chew off bits of the bridge and place the discarded material in a large container for safe removal and, where possible, recycling.

Why do you need to close the motorway?

We are only closing the motorway between junctions 3 and 4; this is necessary as there will be debris from the demolition and we will have machinery on the carriageway to carry out the demolition.

Why are you working through the night?

We need to work through the night to ensure that the demolition is completed on time to re-open the motorway for Monday morning.

Why not just close one of the lanes of the motorway at a time?

Unfortunately this is not at all possible as we would not be able to safely operate the demolition

machinery. We also need to guarantee the health and safety of the adjacent traffic and our workforce.

The demolition machinery to complete the operations would also be restricted; this would lead to the demolition taking a longer to complete.

Will it be noisy?

It will be noisy throughout our works; we appreciate that this will be an inconvenience to the homes closest to the site. This work is required as the current bridge is not able to be fixed and a replacement is the only option.

What about dust?

We will be using dust suppressant measures throughout the process to help to minimise the impact on the local community.

Will I be able to walk across the bridge during this time?

Unfortunately this won't be possible; this is simply due to health and safety reasons. The whole area will be closed to all members of the public.

How will I get to the shops access public transport?

We know that there is a lot of pedestrian traffic over the bridge and that the residents north of the bridge don't have a bus service. We don't wish to stop people from visiting friends or popping to the shops, so we will be providing a complimentary taxi service that will operate from 7am to 9pm on Saturday and Sunday. There will be four signed pick-up points in operation over the weekend situated at:

- Layby opposite Upton Crescent
- Lymer Villas
- Junction of Paulet LaCave Avenue and Balmoral Road
- Shops along Nursling Street

The taxi will only operate between these locations and there will be no charge for this service during these times. There will be clearly signed instructions at each of the stops, which will also advise the telephone number you will need to call – please don't forget to take your mobile phone with you.

What diversion routes will you have in place?

There are a number of diversion routes in place for the weekend closure, there is a local diversion route, please find a copy enclosed with this letter and diversion routes for motorway traffic these can be found on www.highways.gov.uk/M27romseyroad

Please leave plenty of additional time for all journeys over this weekend, as there are likely to be long delays.

We have a number of small roads in the area, how will you stop large vehicles from making a wrong turn?

We have been advertising the closures on overhead signs on the motorway and will have lots of signage advising motorists of the closures. We are also placing signage in areas to advise large vehicles that access is not possible

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What about rat runs?

During our public information events, a number of residents expressed concerns regarding rat runs. The following roads will be closed off during the weekend closure. These are being closed due to safety implications, as the roads are not suitable for large vehicles or large volumes of traffic. The closures are detailed below:

- Lee Lane closed from the Raymond Brown compound to Coldharbour Lane
- Toothill Road closed at the Junction with A3057
- Hoe Lane closed at the junction with A3057

What if the weather is bad will you cancel the closure?

Bad weather will not prevent us from continuing our work; the only reason that we would cancel the weekend closure would be if there was an incident that occurred near to our works that resulted in us being unable to close the necessary roads. Should this happen, we would commence work the following weekend.

How can I keep updated?

We are working closely with all of the local authorities and emergency services we will be sending out messages via twitter throughout the closure follow us on [@HighwaysEngland](#)

I have more questions/queries how can I get more information?

You can find more information on the website www.highways.gov.uk/M27romseyroad or feel free to contact the construction team on romseyroad.bridge@osborne.co.uk

Should you wish to contact us during the weekend closure, please call our dedicated customer and stakeholder line on 0786 743 4805. Please note this number will only be operational during the period of the weekend closure.

Thank you for your continued support with this major project.

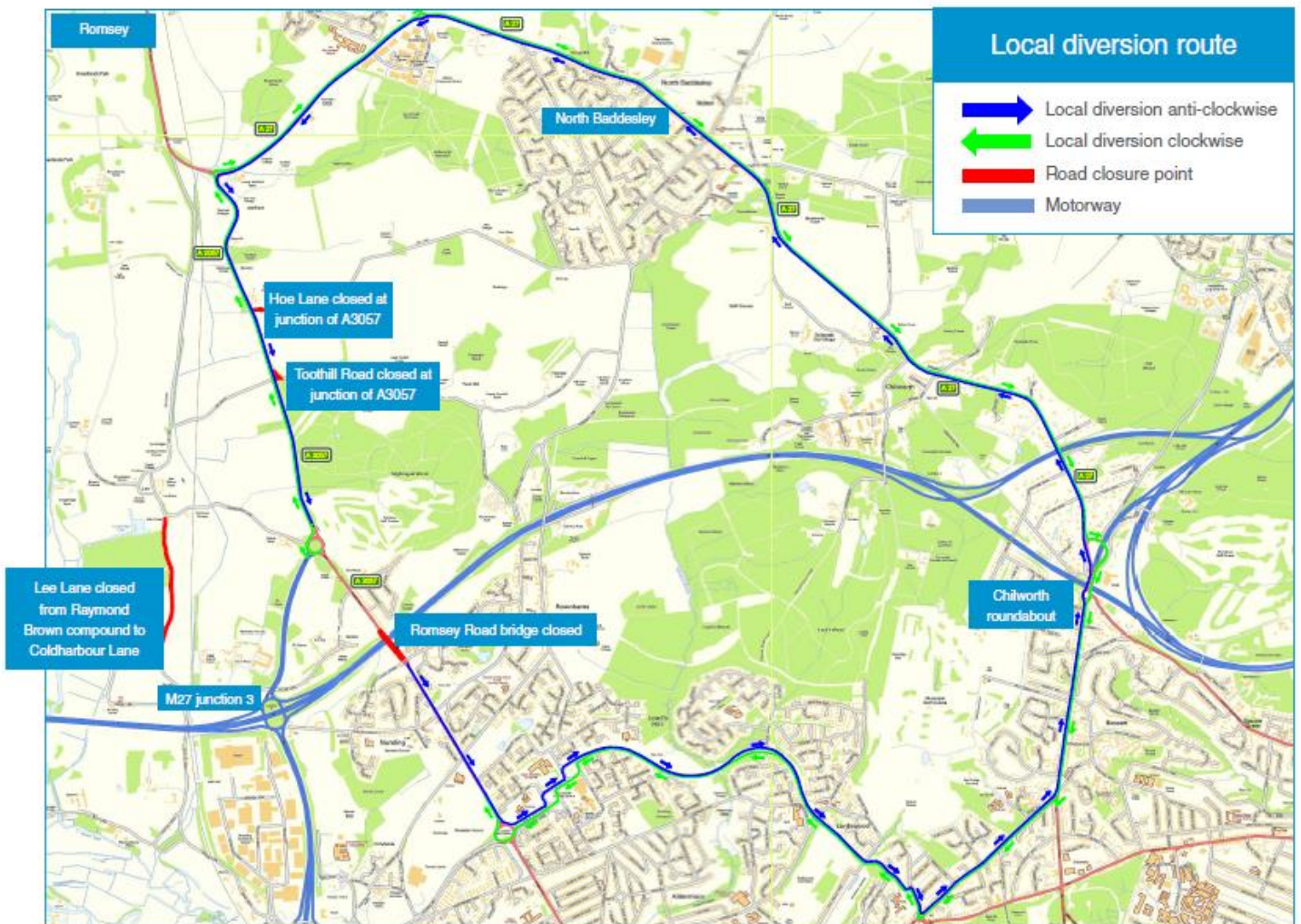
Yours faithfully,



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