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## **M40/M42 Interchange Scheme: Progress Update**

We're continuing with preparatory works before we move to the upgrade of the central reservation. These works, which include vegetation clearance, surveys, drainage and speed camera installation, are to be temporarily halted over the Christmas and New Year period.

We'll be doing this, as we did during the Commonwealth Games, to reduce the potential for additional disruption during times when traffic is expected to be busier than usual. We'll resume our work in January.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation – including granting land access to our teams of ecological surveyors and construction staff, also for simply bearing with us as we've worked to ensure we minimise disruption without compromising safety for everyone travelling and working on the network.

A key element in the delivery of a highway scheme is communication with and co-operation from local stakeholders, so thank you!

## **Contacting Us**

Although our teams will not be visible on the network over the period, there are still a number of ways you can contact us:

- Online: [nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/west-midlands/m40-m42-interchange-smart-motorway/](https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/west-midlands/m40-m42-interchange-smart-motorway/)
- Customer Contact Centre: email [info@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:info@nationalhighways.co.uk) & telephone 0300 123 5000
- Post: National Highways, National Traffic Operations Centre, 3 Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park, Birmingham, B32 1AF
- Social Media: Twitter: ([@HighwaysWMIDS](https://twitter.com/HighwaysWMIDS)) & Facebook ([National Highways: West Midlands](https://www.facebook.com/NationalHighwaysWestMidlands))

## **'Driving Safely on Motorways' & 'Winter Driving'**

National Highways' winter maintenance teams operate 24 hours a day. We have over 360 salting and ploughing routes which cover the strategic road network, and we work closely with our weather forecasters for the latest weather updates. During severe winter weather, please follow this advice:

- Plan your route and stick to the main roads where you can.
- If there's snow and ice around, only travel if necessary.
- Carry out [essential vehicle checks](#) before you set off.
- Check [traffic conditions](#) on our website and on Twitter before you travel.
- Slow down - it can take 10 times longer to stop in icy conditions.
- Use a high gear - this will help avoid wheel spin.

- Accelerate gently, using low revs. You may need to take off in second gear to avoid skidding.
- Leave plenty of space between you and the car in front - you may need up to 10 times the normal gap.
- Try not to brake suddenly – it may lock up your wheels and you could skid further.



To support its prioritising of safety on the network, National Highways is carrying information online on its 'Driving on Motorways' and 'Winter Driving' campaigns.

The campaign material includes videos, key stats and advice to keep everyone moving safely as the weather turns colder and driving conditions become more challenging.

For more details on each campaign, search [nationalhighways.co.uk](http://nationalhighways.co.uk) or click on the above graphics!

Season's Greetings,

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