

Date: 12 January 2021

Dear Sir / Madam,

Reference: 607486

**Notification of start of works – Thursday 14 January
A14 Claydon to Copdock Interchange (junctions 52 to 55) carriageway repairs**

Further to my letter of 22 December 2020, I am writing to inform you that we are changing the way we plan to carry out the essential carriageway repairs needed to the A14 between Claydon (junction 52) and Copdock Interchange (junction 55).

Work was scheduled to start on Monday 11 January 2021 but will now start on Thursday 14 January 2021.

Since the introduction of the latest national lockdown restrictions announced on Monday 4 January, less traffic is using the A14 and we expect this downward trend to continue. As a result, we are going to take the opportunity to change our approach to deliver a 24/7 contraflow operation along the A14 between junctions 52 and 55.

This approach is anticipated to deliver a significant reduction in the overall programme from nine weeks of weekday overnight closures to approximately four weeks of a 24/7 operation, subject to weather conditions.

Whilst the amount of traffic using the A14 is currently less than normal, there are still periods during the morning peak between 7am and 9am, and then again during the evening peak between 4pm and 6pm, when traffic flows are expected to be slightly higher.

From Thursday 14 January there will be various overnight lane closures between 8pm and 6am, whilst we erect temporary average speed cameras and complete inspections of the central reserve barrier.

For the safety of our workers and motorists, we need to close the road to set up the contraflow on the following dates:

- Installation of Eastbound contraflow will take place between Friday 22 January and Sunday 24 January 2021.
- Switch over of contraflow from eastbound to westbound is scheduled between Sunday 31 January and Wednesday 3 February 2021.

- Removal of Westbound contraflow is planned between Sunday 14 February and Tuesday 16 February 2021.

During the westbound and eastbound closures, a diversion route will be in operation. Please see diversion map on page 3.

We will install electronic message signs along the A14, and strategically on the wider network. This will encourage drivers to use alternative routes whilst we carry out these essential repairs. It is important that traffic flows on the A14 in the area are as low as possible to avoid congestion, particularly around the Copdock Interchange.

Further information can be found at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A14concrete and onTwitter@HighwaysEast

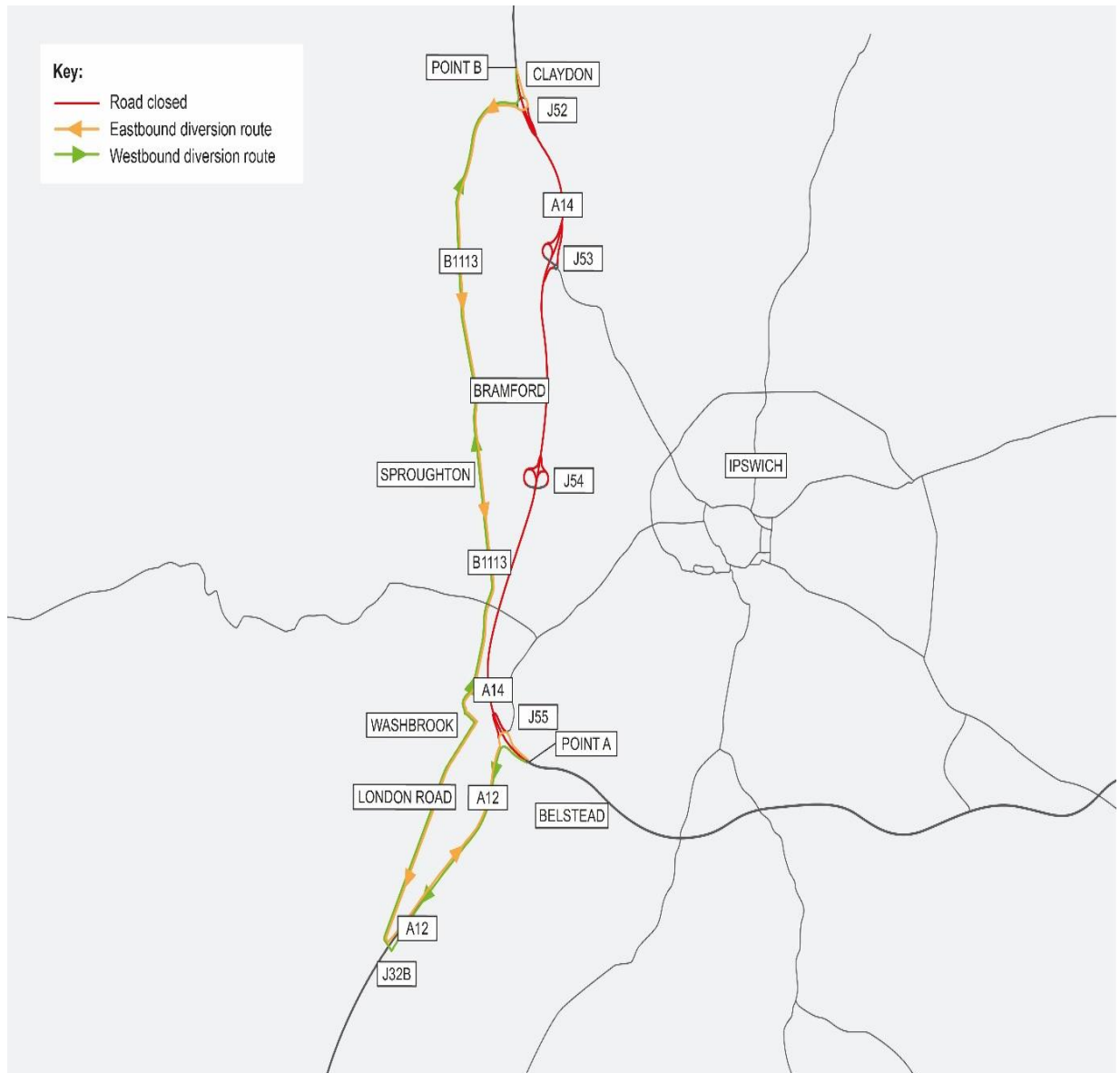
If you have any questions in relation to this letter, please feel free to contact the Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, or by emailing concreteroadseast@highwayseast.co.uk

Whilst writing, I would also like to advise you that Highways England will also be making improvements to the Orwell Bridge. Further information can be found at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/Orwellbridge.

Yours sincerely,

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Diversion Route Map



Westbound closures: Traffic should exit the A14 at junction 52 onto the B1113; then follow the B1113; onto Swan Hill; then take Chapel Lane; onto London Road; follow London Road; then take A12 and re-join the A14 at junction 55.

Eastbound closures: Traffic will follow the same diversion route roads.