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Dear Resident

**A52 NOTTINGHAM JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS: GAMSTON ROUNDABOUT**

You may be aware that as part of the ongoing A52 Nottingham junction improvement scheme, there are works planned at the Gamston roundabout which will be starting in January 2022.

**What benefits will the Gamston roundabout improvements bring?**

We will be delivering the following improvements:

- Introducing a new 40mph speed limit on the approaches, exits and around the roundabout, to improve safety on the approaches and pedestrian crossings.
- Widening all approaches to the roundabout to provide extra lanes and increase the number of vehicles that can use the junction, which will help to reduce the current queuing which leads to congestion. This includes widening the A52 approaches into and out of Nottingham from two lanes to four, to create two dedicated lanes for each destination from the roundabout. Also widening the A6011 approach out of Nottingham from two lanes to three, to create dedicated lanes for each destination from the roundabout.
- Adding new traffic lights to manage traffic flow and improve safety by reducing turning conflicts and increasing capacity. Also, new traffic light-controlled crossings will be added for pedestrians and cyclists to help them cross the junction safely. All crossing points will be designed for customers with disabilities making them accessible for all.
- Extending the existing bus lane on A6011 Radcliffe Road onto the roundabout to help the flow of public transport from A52 Radcliffe Road into Nottingham.
- Upgrading the existing drainage, street lighting, road signs, road surfacing and lane markings.

The work at the Gamston roundabout will involve two separate stages:

1. upgrading the existing gas network
2. constructing the junction improvements.

### **What will happen when the gas network is being upgraded?**

This work will commence on 10 January 2022 with the diversion and replacement of gas pipework in close collaboration with the gas utility company, Cadent Gas. Cadent is the UK's largest gas distribution network and manages more than 80,000 miles of pipes, most of them underground, which transport gas to 11 million customers.

National Highways has been working in collaboration with Cadent Gas to ensure we minimise disruption to the community in the area around the Gamston roundabout, as well as drivers using the A52. Together, we have proactively reviewed our planned works to upgrade and future-proof the gas network at Gamston. We will continue to work together throughout the junction improvement work to ensure all the residents are kept safe and warm.

Traffic management measures will start to be put in place from 7 January, ahead of the work starting on 10 January 2022. The upgrading of the gas network is expected to take 12 weeks, and during this time traffic management will be in place for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A temporary safety barrier will be installed and the speed limit on the road will be reduced to 40mph, to ensure our operatives are safe whilst carrying out their work.

There will be some lane closures, but traffic will be able to flow freely for the majority of the period of works. Some night-time closures will be needed on occasions when it is necessary to move the traffic management. These will take place over a weekend and last for 3 nights, from 8:00pm until 6 am the following morning. On each occasion, suitable diversion routes will be in place.

### **What will happen when the main junction improvements are being constructed?**

The main works at Gamston will start in April 2022 and will involve 4 phases. The first phase will need some night-time lane closures so we can clear the site safely. There will be full roundabout closures planned for early March and again in early April 2022. A suitable diversion route will be provided during all road closures and access will be maintained for residents. We will write to you with details of the diversion route in due course.

Phase 2 will begin in May 2022, when we will be constructing a new lane on the westbound and northbound approaches to Gamston roundabout. During this phase, the traffic management will remain in place 24/7 for 3 months. Work will be carried out during the day using narrow lanes. On completion of Phase 2 in August 2022, there will be a full closure of the junction to enable us to safely switch the traffic management over for Phase 3. This will again take three nights, over a weekend and a diversion route will again be signposted.

Phase 3 will commence from August 2022. It will last for 4 months and see the installation of a new concrete barrier and a further westbound approach lane. Traffic

management will remain in place 24/7. The safety barrier will enable operatives to work safely during the day, whilst maintaining two narrow running lanes in each direction.

Phase 4 will take place from the end of November 2022 to the end of January/early February 2023 and will consist of a series of night-time lane closures, which will allow us to construct all the works which cannot be completed safely throughout the day. There will also be some night-time full road closures to allow us to resurface the junction.

We reassure you we will be working hard to make sure this work is completed as quickly and safely as possible. Please note that the precise dates and times of the works may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Where possible, we'll keep you updated of significant changes.

### **Maintaining safety during Covid-19**

All our sites have strict safeguarding measures, in line with Public Health England guidance, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and none of our sites are open to the public. All construction projects are strictly controlled and the situation is kept under careful monitoring.

### **To find out more information**

In order to stay up to date with the latest traffic information in your area, we recommend that motorists follow us on Twitter (**@HighwaysEMIDs**). If you'd like any further information about the A52 Nottingham junction scheme, please:

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Yours faithfully



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