

## Major Transport Infrastructure Projects

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Dear Sir / Madam,

### **A9 DUALLING: LUNCARTY TO PASS OF BIRNAM PROJECT**

We are writing to inform you of forthcoming major traffic restrictions that our contractor, Balfour Beatty will install to allow the start of the main construction works to dual the 9.5km of the A9 between Luncarty and the Pass of Birnam. These traffic restrictions will include the following and further details are provided in the sections below:

- MAJOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT BETWEEN LUNCARTY AND BIRNAM FROM 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 ONWARDS AS CONSTRUCTION BEGINS
- FOUR OVERNIGHT CLOSURES OF A9 BETWEEN LUNCARTY JUNCTION AND THE A923 DUNKELD JUNCTION – 22<sup>ND</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019
- LOCAL ACCESS TO LUNCARTY, STANLEY AND BANKFOOT WILL BE MAINTAINED VIA LOCAL ROAD NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE OVERNIGHT CLOSURES

### **Major Traffic Management installation**

The traffic management and restrictions for the construction phase will involve the gradual installation of traffic management to narrow the running lanes, followed by the introduction of temporary safety cameras to enforce a reduced speed limit of 40mph through the works area. This traffic management will remain in place until completion of the project in Spring 2021.

The installation of traffic management will take place overnight from 7:30pm to 6:30am from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February for approximately 2 weeks, following which, temporary safety barriers will be installed along the carriageway.

### **Overnight closures**

The safety barrier installation has been scheduled to take place overnight under a full closure of the A9 between the Luncarty Junction and the A923 Dunkeld Junction, from 8:30pm to 6am each night, from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 inclusive.

The barriers will facilitate safety throughout the work site and provide a safety zone between the live traffic and road workers. This will allow our Contractor to proceed with construction works safely adjacent to the A9, whilst maintaining two lanes of live traffic.



Our contractor has made us aware that these works will be disruptive and will temporarily increase noise levels for local residents over the course of the four nights, particularly whilst the metal safety barriers are secured in place. However, we have been assured that best practice methods of working will be utilised to keep this disruption and disturbance to a minimum.

Balfour Beatty has obtained permission from Perth & Kinross Council to temporarily increase its working hours from 19:30 until 06:30 from 21<sup>st</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019, and has consulted with the local authority's Environmental Health Team to ensure that noise levels during these extended hours are kept to a minimum. In addition, noise monitoring equipment will be used at various locations to monitor noise levels while works are underway.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the disruption that this temporary increase in noise may have during these vital works, however undertaking this work at night is necessary to provide a safe way of installing the barriers.

Additionally, undertaking these works overnight will minimise the impact to road users. Our contractors plans have been developed following consultation with key stakeholders including Police Scotland, Bear Scotland and Perth and Kinross Council, and the installation works will be completed as quickly as possible.

### **Diversion routes**

All A9 traffic should follow the signed diversion routes and road users are advised to plan their journey and allow extra time. The diversion routes, depicted on attached information sheet, will be as follows:

**NORTHBOUND:** A85 to Crieff, A822, A826 to Aberfeldy and Ballinluig, to rejoin A9

**SOUTHBOUND:** A923 Dunkeld to Blairgowrie, A93 to Perth, Perth to Inveralmond Roundabout to rejoin A9

We would like to reassure you that local access to Luncarty, Stanley and Bankfoot will be available via the local road network for the duration of the overnight closures.

These works are weather dependent and as such are subject to change. The following dates have been set as a contingency should they be required: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

For live traffic updates, please visit the Traffic Scotland website at: [www.trafficscotland.org](http://www.trafficscotland.org)

If you have any enquiries regarding these works, please contact us on 0141 272 7100 or [info@transport.gov.scot](mailto:info@transport.gov.scot).

Yours sincerely,

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