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Dear Resident

17 May 2021

**Ref: M3 junctions 9 to 14 motorway upgrade – Creation of a temporary contractor's compound**

We are writing to tell you about planned work due to start in the area of Badger Farm Road and Otterbourne Road (junction 11 of the M3), as part of the overall M3 junctions 9 to 14 Motorway Upgrade project.

A temporary contractor's compound will be required to store items needed for the upgrade such as materials and machinery, and to provide offices and welfare facilities for our workers. A section of land owned by Hampshire County Council has been carefully chosen and is located to the south of Badger Farm Road/west of Otterbourne Road.

From 1 June, we will be accessing this section of land so that Archaeologists can carry out pre-occupation exploration work using an excavator, in agreement with the Historic Environment Team at Winchester City Council. This type of exploration is a routine element ahead of planned works of this nature. The Archaeologists will be carrying out the exploration work during the daytime for about two weeks. Our core daytime hours are from 8am to 6pm on weekdays and from 7am to 1pm on Saturdays.



We hope to occupy this section of land as the main compound for the M3 project but will need to await the results from the Archaeologists. We will write to you again with more detail once the checks have been finalised. Should the contractor's compound go ahead, we've agreed with Hampshire County Council to return the land to agricultural use after the site is vacated, which is expected late-2024.

If we do occupy the land, there'll be direct left access into the compound off Badger Farm Road and a direct left exit on to Otterbourne Road, which links straight on to the motorway network; St Cross Road/Hockley Link roundabout on to the M3. There should be no impact on local roads, however there will be strategically placed signs, which mention no access for construction traffic, to discourage any vehicles using unapproved routes. All staff will receive a briefing about obligations of being courteous.

Work for the project is being carried out under the Permitted Development rights under the Town and Country Planning Order (2015) and with Local Authority agreement.

If you have any questions about the M3 junctions 9 to 14 motorway upgrade project, please contact Highways England by:

- Email – [M3J9-14SmartMotorway@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:M3J9-14SmartMotorway@highwaysengland.co.uk)
- Phone – 0300 123 5000
- Letter – M3 junction 9 to 14 motorway upgrade, Highways England, 2 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6BN

You can also find out more about the plans by visiting the website at: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/m3-junctions-9-to-14-smart-motorway/> or scan our QR code here:



Yours faithfully

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