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Dear Customer

**A34 Drayton (Oxfordshire) – Layby Improvements**

Located off the A34 near Drayton, is an area which was previously constructed as part of an old Drayton slip road, but is now used as an unofficial layby.

We plan to convert this area into an official standard layby by carrying out major reconstruction to the embankment. Work will also involve:

- realigning the verges;
- updating the safety barrier;
- installing new timber fencing;
- resurfacing and laying of new road markings;
- improve drainage; and
- installing new layby signs.

As part of this project, additional work will take place to the old Drayton Road/Steventon Road slip road embankment area, to prevent anyone from parking illegally. The works will include:

- replacing the existing gates to heavy duty gates;
- installing a small section of interlocking concrete blocks;
- installing new timber fencing;
- planting new vegetation; and
- removing the old concrete blocks.

The main construction work will start from Monday 21 June 2021 and is expected to be completed in September 2021. Prior to this, work to clear hazardous material from the lay-by and vegetation clearance will take place from Wednesday 9 June 2021.

For the safety of our workforce and customers, narrow lanes and a 50mph speed limit will be in place on the A34 northbound carriageway (next to the work area) from Monday 21 June until mid-September 2021.

The lay-by will be closed from 9 June 2021 till the completion of the work.

In addition, the A34 northbound carriageway between the Milton Interchange and Marcham Interchange, will be closed overnight on the following dates to allow the traffic management to be installed and then removed:

- Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 June
- Saturday 11, Sunday 12 and Monday 13 September

These closures will be in place from 9pm to 6am, and a signed diversion will be in place via the A4130 from Didcot to Wallingford, then north on the A4074 towards Oxford. From here road users can re-join the A34 north or southbound carriageways depending on their destination.

Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles on blue light calls.

**Please note that these works are subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. We'll advertise the closures on yellow signs placed in advance alongside the road, and on our South-East Twitter page (@HighwaysSEAST)**

We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption you may experience during this work.

### **Keeping Up-to-date**

If you have any questions, or if you would like to know about our work, please contact us on **0300 123 5000** or email [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk). Or you can visit our website at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/travel-updates/daily-closure-report/> where you can find a weekly report of all full closures across the network.

Alternatively, please visit our webpage <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/south-east-maintenance-schemes/>

Yours faithfully

Area 3 Communications Team