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Dear Sir/Madam

A420 Shrivenham Bypass Carriageway: Major Highway Maintenance Work

We are writing to tell you about major roadworks on the A420 Shrivenham Bypass between Watchfield Roundabout and Lower Bourton Junction that are due to start on **Wednesday 23 July 2014** and are expected to last for up to 7 weeks.

The work includes carriageway reconstruction, improvement and repair to some of the highway drainage and replacement of the existing safety barrier. The road work will be carried out under a complete closure of the A420 to get the work done as quickly as possible.

The roadworks will be carried out during the week, through weekends including night time working. Please see the reverse of this letter for information about the traffic management arrangements that will be put in place.

Although the roadworks will result in disruption, they are essential and should mean that no major road reconstruction will be required on this stretch of road for many years.

Preconstruction activities

These will commence on the 14th July until the road closure starts on the 23th July. Areas of carriageway will be subjected to off peak traffic restrictions to enable these works.

Keeping You Informed

- Visit our specific web pages for the project <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/a420-shrivenham-bypass-major-maintenance>, which will be updated on a regular basis
- The county council's Travel Choices webpages provide live travel information, a journey planner and information alternative modes of transport and other major transport schemes see: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/travelchoices.
- Twitter: Follow @oxfordshirecc and search #OxonTravelChoices



- Signs are being placed on site to forewarn road users in advance of the work.
- If you have any particular queries, please contact the Highways Enquiry team on 0845 310 1111 or highway.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk (0830 -1700 Monday –Thursday and 0830 -1600 on Fridays).

We apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused to your journeys, and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Traffic Management

During the closure of the A420 between Watchfield Roundabout and Lower Bourton Junction alternative routes are:

- HGVs over 7.5 tons via A34/M4
- All type local East-West (Oxford-Swindon) traffic via A417 East – A4185 South – A34 - M4
- All type West-East (Swindon-Oxford) traffic via M4 – A34

Non motorway traffic will be advised to find alternative routes.

All road users will be affected by this work and severe delays are to be expected. Everyone is being asked to review their travel plans and where possible consider alternative routes.

Oxford bound local traffic to or via Shrivenham will be directed along High Street Shrivenham and Faringdon Road which will have temporary 20 and 30 mph speed limits respectively.

Swindon bound local traffic to or via Shrivenham will be diverted along Majors Road, Longcot Road and High Street Shrivenham. Temporary 40mph speed limits will be imposed on Majors and Longcot Roads. Please find the attached diversion route plans.

Buses

All the bus services (including Route 66) will be maintained throughout the duration.

Local access and heavy vehicles

Access will be maintained to properties and businesses within the closed section of the A420. Measures will be in place to prevent all through traffic above 7.5T using unsuitable local roads.

Deliveries

Deliveries to shops and businesses in Watchfield and Shrivenham and the surrounding local area will require the HGV drivers to produce delivery documentation evidence such as a delivery note to the marshals/Trading Standards Officers at each end of the bypass.

Shops and businesses are encouraged to arrange for deliveries to be outside peak hours if at all possible. Businesses will remain accessible and open as usual.

Yours sincerely



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