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Dear Resident,

**Traffic signal upgrades: M25 junction 3 Swanley Interchange, Kent
31 October 2026 to April 2027**

I'm writing to let you know that to improve safety and reliability, we'll soon be upgrading the traffic signals at the M25 junction 3 Swanley Interchange.

The work will take place over five months between **Saturday 31 October 2026** and **April 2027**. A combination of lane closures and full overnight road closures will be required to complete the work safely.

We'll complete the first phase of work in November and December 2026 using a lane closure around the inner ring of the roundabout for safety. This will reduce the need for frequent traffic management changes, overnight closures and diversion routes, while allowing traffic to continue using the junction 24 hours a day.

To safely install temporary traffic signals and traffic management:

- The northern half of the roundabout will be closed overnight between 11pm and 6am on Saturday 31 October 2026
- The southern half of the roundabout will be closed overnight between 10:30pm and 5:30am on Sunday 1 November 2026

Phase 1 (24-hour lane closure) – from 2 November 2026 to 18 December 2026

- The inner lane of the roundabout will be closed 24 hours a day
- The outer lane(s) of the roundabout will remain open 24 hours a day

We'll remove the inner ring lane closure by Friday 18 December 2026 to restore the roundabout to full capacity. Work in areas that can only be safely accessed during a full overnight road closure will be completed following Christmas and the New Year:

Phase 2 (overnight working): from January 2027 to April 2027

- Overnight closures will be in place regularly between 10pm and 6am
- The overnight closures will be localised to one quarter of the roundabout at a time to minimise disruption

Diversion routes

During overnight closures, signed diversion routes will be in place for motorway and non-motorway traffic:

- Diversion routes for motorway traffic will be in place via the M25, M20 and A20
- Alternative diversion routes will be in place for non-motorway traffic
- Additional signage will be in place on the A20 eastbound carriageway to advise non-motorway traffic to exit the A20 at the Swanley Interchange (M20 junction 1)

The existing traffic signals have been in service for over 20 years. We are replacing them with modern, energy-efficient signals that can manage traffic demand at the junction more effectively. We are also replacing the associated electrical equipment to improve reliability and reduce unplanned outages and repairs.

You can find information and updates about this scheme on the National Highways website at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/se-maintenance. If you have any further questions, or would like to know more about this work, please contact the National Highways Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, available 24 hours a day, or via email at info@nationalhighways.co.uk.

I'd like to thank you for your patience and understanding while we carry out this essential work.

Yours sincerely,

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