Overnight road closures at M1 Junctions 10 and 10a

Motorists are advised of a series of overnight road closures coming into effect at M1 Junctions 10 and 10a in early March.

Overnight from Tuesday 4 March until Sunday 9 March inclusive, the M1 spur road and A1081 New Airport Way will be closed eastbound between M1 J10 and Capability Green. This means that between the hours of 8pm and 4am traffic will not be able to leave the M1 at Junction 10 and will instead be diverted into Luton town centre and on to London Luton Airport via Junction 11 (A505, A5065 and A505). During these times traffic will still be able to join the M1 at Junction 10.

The following week, overnight from Monday 10 March until Wednesday 12 March inclusive, the M1 spur road and A1081 New Airport way will be closed westbound between Capability Green and M1 J10. This means that between the hours of 8pm and 4am traffic will not be able to join the M1 at Junction 10 and will again be diverted via Junction 11 (A505, A5065, and A505). During these times traffic will still be able to leave the M1 at Junction 10.

Motorists are advised to follow the signed diversion routes and allow extra time for their journeys, particularly when taking early morning flight departures from London Luton Airport between 4-9 March.

Drivers are additionally notified of a 30mph speed limit, narrow lanes and contraflows throughout the area which also come into effect from 4 March and will continue throughout the 70-week programme.

The restrictions are necessary as part of long-awaited major works to improve reliable journey times through M1 J10a.

Luton Borough Council’s £30 million scheme, supported by the Government’s Regional Growth Fund, will tackle significant queues and congestion experienced at the junction by removing the existing roundabout and widening the M1 spur and New Airport Way to three lanes in each direction between Junction 10 and Capability Green.

Colin Chick, the Council’s corporate director of environment and regeneration, said: “We are doing everything possible to keep disruption to an absolute minimum but nonetheless are advising everyone travelling through this area to allow extra time for their journeys over the next 18 months, and particularly during the necessary overnight closures.

“Our priority is to keep two lanes open in each direction whenever possible at peak times but a scheme of this size cannot be delivered without some inconvenience. Continuing traffic restrictions will be necessary throughout the programme and we will be working hard to make as many people as possible aware in good time. “We are confident the benefits will be keenly felt when the scheme is completed next year and apologise for any delays in the meantime.”
Diversion routes are published at www.luton.roadworks.org and for further information see also www.luton.gov.uk/m1j10a

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