



**Important roadworks update: A14 Orwell Bridge westbound joints replacement - upcoming overnight closures (westbound)**

Dear Sir / Madam

We are getting in touch to let you know about planned overnight westbound closures on the A14 Orwell Bridge starting next week, which may affect your journey through the area.

Construction activities to replace the two westbound bridge expansion joints began last week. We are currently preparing for the upcoming contraflow arrangement, which is due to come into effect on the morning of Saturday 28 June. This will allow one lane of traffic to run in each direction on the eastbound carriageway while the bridge expansion joints are replaced on the westbound side.

Eastbound traffic will be 60mph while westbound traffic will be reduced to 40mph to protect the workforce.

**Overnight westbound closures**

For six nights, starting next week, the A14 Orwell Bridge will be closed in the westbound direction, towards Cambridge. This is to lift the new bridge expansion joints into place by crane and carry out other essential maintenance work.

The closures are planned to take place overnight on the following dates:  
**Monday 30 June, Tuesday 1 July, Saturday 5 July, Sunday 6 July, Monday 7 July, and Tuesday 8 July.**

Each closure will be in place from 8pm to 6am the following morning.

During this time, those travelling westbound along the A14 will be diverted between junction 58 (Seven Hills Interchange) and junction 55 (Copdock) via the A12 and A1214.

During the day, the bridge will remain open in both directions, with one lane in each direction under contraflow. The eastbound direction (towards Felixstowe) will remain open at all times with one lane available, including overnight.

Please be aware that these dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances, such as poor weather, but we will keep you updated.

## **Stay updated**

For the latest information, including diversion route maps, please visit our dedicated webpage at [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/orwellbridge](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/orwellbridge).

If you would like more information, please contact us on 0300 123 5000, or by email at [info@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:info@nationalhighways.co.uk).

We appreciate your patience while we carry out these important works.

Yours faithfully

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