

Dear Customer

A49 combined schemes including resurfacing, road markings and road studs.

What we're doing and why? What are the benefits?

We'll be resurfacing sections of the A49, including repainting road markings and replacing road studs. The work has been identified following the deterioration of the carriageway. To reduce disruption, we'll complete the work within a combined package of works. The benefit of delivering the schemes combined is less disruption to our customers, and minimising the need to return at later dates. The completed work will extend the life of the road, whilst providing a safer, smoother and quieter road, including more visible road markings.

When will this work take place?

We'll work from **06 April 2020 to 30 April 2020, Monday to Friday, 8pm to 6am**. The following schemes will be delivered within our combined package of works.

Monday 06 April to Friday 17 April we'll be resurfacing the A49 from Grafton Lane to Grafton roundabout.

Monday 13 April to Thursday 30 April we'll be repainting the road markings including the replacement of road studs from the A466 Kingsthorpe junction to the B4399 Bullinghope junction.

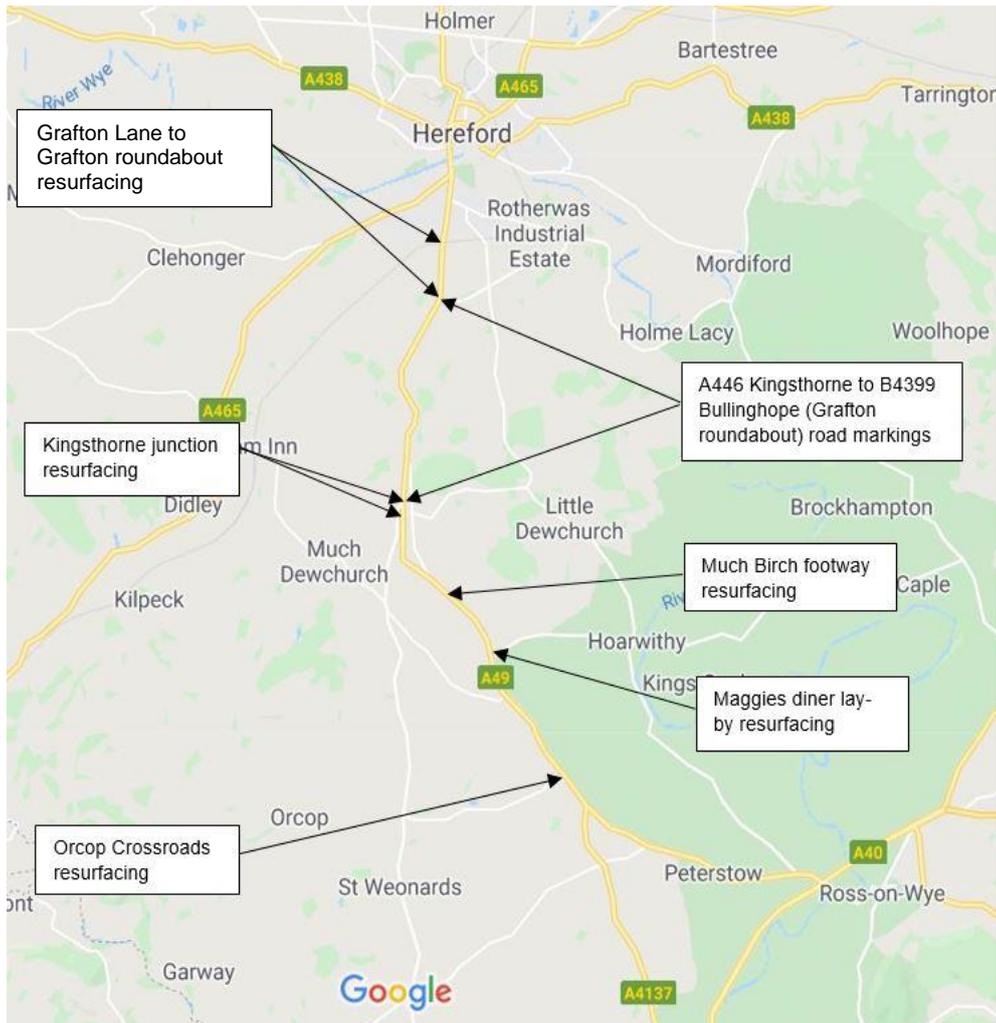
Monday 20 April to Tuesday 28 April we'll be resurfacing the Orcop Crossroads.

Wednesday 22 April to Friday 24 April we'll be resurfacing the A49/A466 Kingsthorpe junction, and the A49 just south of the junction.

Wednesday 22 April to Friday 24 April we'll be resurfacing the A49 Much Birch footway, including road markings and tactile paving.

Monday 27 April to Thursday 30 April we'll be resurfacing the A49 Maggie's diner Lay-by.

I've included a map on the reverse which outlines the exact locations where we'll be working.



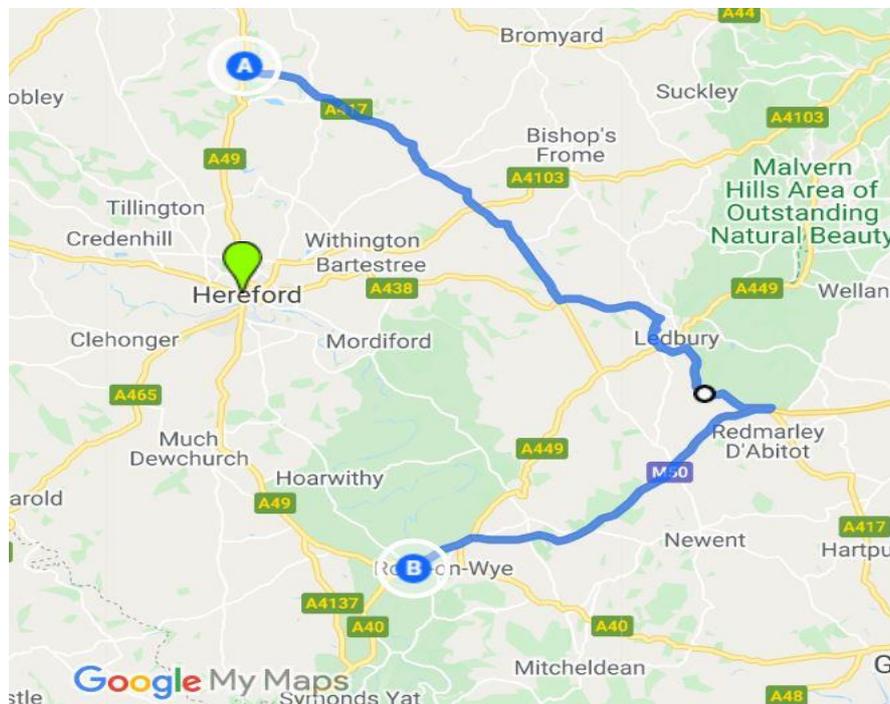
To minimise disruption, the work will be delivered within phases as per the dates above. Due to this, we'll be operating soft closures at both the A40 Wilton roundabout, and the junction of A49/A417. The soft closure will be unmanned, and will include signage to advise the road ahead is closed. Access will be maintained for frontages, and access along the A49 up to where our work is taking place. We'll then have a hard closure in place. If access is required to either residences and premises within the hard closure, we'll provide access via escorted services. A holding area shall be set up to hold vehicles until they can be safely escorted through the works. Customers will need to utilise the diversion route as access will not be granted through the works. Emergency vehicles will have access through the works. Footway marshals will facilitate footway access during the works.

Our planned road work may be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

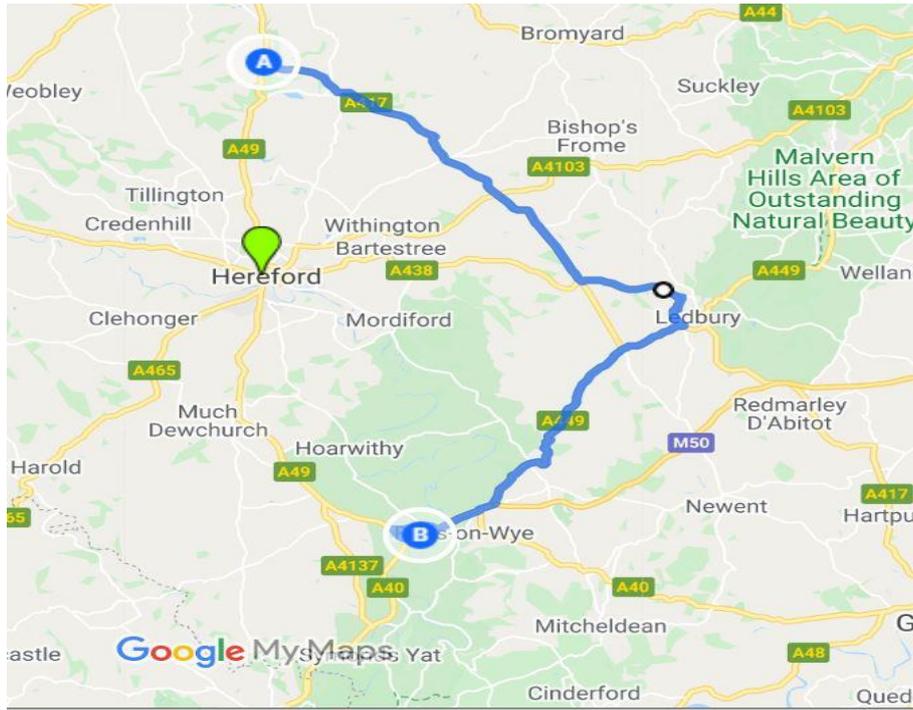
What does this mean for you

During closures, we'll be operating both a motorway and non-motorway diversion. This has been agreed by Herefordshire Council and Gloucestershire County Council. Emergency vehicles will have access through the work.

The motorway diversion is from the A49/A417. Traffic will continue along the A417 to its junction with the A438, where it will turn left and join the A438 heading south-east. Traffic will then continue to the roundabout and take the 4th exit onto Leadon Way. Traffic will remain on Leadon Way to the junction with the A417, where it will then join the A417 heading south. Traffic will continue to the M50 J2, where it will join the M50 west-bound. Traffic will then continue to its junction with the A449 Travellers Rest roundabout, and join the A449 continuing west. Traffic will then join the A40 westbound at Over Ross roundabout, and then continue to the A40 Wilton roundabout where they can re-join the A49, and vice versa. See map below.



The non-motorway diversion is from the A49/A417. Traffic will continue along the A417 to its junction with the A438, where it will turn left and join the A438 heading south-east. Traffic will then continue to the roundabout and take the 4th exit onto Leadon Way. Traffic will remain on Leadon way to its junction with the A449 Ross Road, where it will join the A449 heading south-west. Traffic will continue along the A449 to the Travellers Rest roundabout, and join the A449 continuing west. Traffic will then join the A40 westbound at Over Ross roundabout, and then continue to the A40 Wilton roundabout where they can re-join the A49, and vice versa. See map below.



I'd also like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption to those living close to the work. We'll make every effort to carefully manage noise levels and additional lighting to minimise the impact.

Find out more

If you have any questions, or if you would like to know more about our work, please call us on **0300 123 5000** or email info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You can also visit our website at highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/ or write to us at Highways England, National Traffic Operations Centre, 3 Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park, Birmingham, B32 1AF.

Yours faithfully
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