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Dear Sir/Madam,

A590 Meathop – improvement works

This letter is to inform you of our plans to deliver improvement works on the A590 near Meathop.

Our improvement works include resurfacing the eastbound carriageway between Meathop roundabout and where the dual carriageway ends near Witherslack, installing new signs and road markings around Meathop roundabout, and construction of a new footpath to connect the communities around Witherslack to the BP petrol station, also known as Greystones.

These upgrades will make journeys safer and more reliable for those visiting and living in the area.

Phase one – preparatory works – Monday 18 September to Sunday 1 October 2023

Setting up our roadworks, you'll see our staff installing signs and road markings for the main phase of our scheme delivery.

Lane closures on both eastbound and westbound carriageways will regularly be in effect. We will also occasionally need to use traffic lights overnight, between 8pm and 6am, to hold road users at roadworks before our staff can safely escort drivers through under convoy.

A small section of the Meathop roundabout will also be closed for one night. A signed diversion route will direct road users to their next turning point along the A590.

Phase two – resurfacing and footpath construction – Monday 2 October to Monday 23 October

Our main improvement works will start in early October and require a phased closure of the A590 eastbound carriageway near Meathop for approximately three weeks.

A contraflow system will operate on the westbound carriageway of the A590, allowing one lane of traffic to travel in both directions. Access to the BP petrol station and properties adjoining the A590 will be maintained during the day.

During this period, there will be restrictions to the Witherslack and Ulpha junctions with signed local diversion routes.

Between Tuesday 17 and Monday 23 October, we'll be working overnight, from 10pm to 6am. During this one-week period, the Witherslack junction will be fully closed overnight and there will be an impact on the Stagecoach bus service, which will be advertised.

Abnormal loads (vehicles over 2.9m wide) will not be permitted to travel through this section of the A590 when contraflow traffic measures are in place.

Phase three – removal of roadworks – Tuesday 24 October to Tuesday 7 November

During the final two weeks of our improvement works we'll remove the contraflow traffic measures and reopen the eastbound carriageway. We'll also be installing new signs and road markings under a set of temporary lane closures and traffic lights.

There is also a need to close the B5277 between Meathop Roundabout and the Meathop junction for two overnight shifts. Signed local diversion routes will be in place.

We expect our work to be completed by mid-November. However, while we always aim to work to schedule, unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather conditions may mean slight changes occur at short notice.

If you have any queries about our work, please contact us on 0300 123 5000 or email us on info@nationalhighways.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

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