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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planned overnight maintenance exercise at the A282 Dartford-Thurrock River Crossing, Saturday 23 July to Sunday 24 July 2022

Connect Plus Services works on behalf of National Highways and Connect Plus to manage, operate and maintain the M25 and its linking roads, as well as the Dartford-Thurrock River Crossing.

We're writing to inform you about a planned tunnel maintenance exercise which is due to take place at the Dartford Crossing this weekend.

To undertake the exercise safely, **both northbound tunnels will be closed between 8:30pm on Saturday 23 July and 6:00am on Sunday 24 July 2022**. A contraflow arrangement will be installed via the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge whereby one lane will run in each direction to keep journeys moving between Essex and Kent.

If you're joining the A282 northbound from either Junction 1a or Junction 1b, clearly signed diversions will be in place via the A282 southbound carriageway to M25 Junction 2 and return.

Transporting abnormal loads or dangerous goods

Once the contraflow arrangement has been fully installed you won't need to report to the Kent Marshalling Area located at the Dartford Crossing Offices; signs and traffic management will be in place on the approaches to the Dartford Crossing to directly join the contraflow across the bridge. The normal procedure will be reinstated as soon as the tunnels have been reopened on the Sunday morning.

If you're planning on transporting an abnormal load movement via the crossing while the contraflow arrangement is in place, please contact our Abnormal Loads team at abloads.contact@connectplum25.co.uk for further assistance. More information for goods vehicles using the crossing can be found by clicking [here](#).

We'll be carrying out essential testing of equipment within the tunnels, such as lighting, CCTV, ventilation systems, power supplies and backup generators, to ensure they continue to perform as expected in the event of a sudden loss of power. Due to the extensive testing, there may be short periods where the tunnel is without power. For this reason, all traffic will be diverted across the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge while this exercise is underway for safety.

If you need to travel while this work is taking place, we recommend that you plan ahead and allow more time for your journey as delays are expected. We've planned for our work to take place over a Saturday night while traffic levels are low, but a combination of rolling roadblocks will be required to safely install and remove the contraflow system across the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge. Please note that there may be some changes in the event of adverse weather or other unplanned events.

If you have any questions 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.

For more information on our work taking place at the Dartford Crossing, please click [here](#).

I would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation while this essential work is underway.

Yours faithfully,

Ben Evans

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For and on behalf of Connect Plus Services

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