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Dear Customer

M42 Dual Bridge Lift

Last week we unfortunately postponed the planned installation of two bridges across the M42. Before we closed the road on Friday 30 September, specialist engineers were completing routine, final checks prior to moving the first bridge. During this time, we discovered that the deflection – which is the movement at either end of the bridge – exceeded the amount expected when it was being lifted. Safety is always our top priority, and a decision was made to cancel the closure and postpone the work in order for a detailed investigation to be carried out.

We understand people need to plan their journeys and apologise for any inconvenience and confusion this postponement caused. The investigation has now been completed, all necessary precautions have been taken and we are confident in our approach to lift the bridge into position.

To complete this work safely, we have now decided to use our pre-planned contingency dates previously agreed with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. We'll close the M42 in both directions between junctions 5 and 6 for three nights **from 00:01 on Saturday 15 October to 05:00 on Monday 17 October.**

During the closures, we will put in place a clearly signed diversion route (below). This has already been agreed with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council as the most suitable route for both the amount and type of traffic being diverted. Please see further details on reverse.

We expect this closure to cause delays for motorists travelling along the M42. Please plan ahead and allow additional time for your journeys, considering alternative routes where possible.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience you may experience during our upcoming work. The whole team will make every effort to manage noise levels carefully and minimise the disruption to the local area.

If you have any questions about this work, or if you'd like to receive regular updates about the project, you can email me at steve.vanderpark@skanska.co.uk or visit the National Highways webpage at <https://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/M42J6>

Yours faithfully

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