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Dear Sirs/Madam,

SCOTTISH TRUNK ROAD NETWORK MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – SOUTH EAST UNIT M9 KNOCKHILL BRIDGE REFURBISHMENT WORKS AT LECROPT

We write in relation to upcoming major repair and refurbishment works on Knockhill Bridge, which carries the M9 over the C34 local road at Lecropt. You will no doubt be aware that we have been investigating whether or not it will be safe and feasible to allow the road to remain open during the works, having listened to feedback from local residents and businesses during previous consultation.

Following the appointment of a specialist subcontractor, we have worked collectively to explore a number of options and push the limits of the structure's capacity. We can now confirm that an innovative solution has been developed which will allow the majority of the work to be undertaken without closing the road.

It remains our intention to commence work below this structure in April 2025. Our provisional start date is currently Monday 14th April, however we will provide further confirmation of this nearer the time. You may notice some minor mobilisation activities taking place to set the site up before this date.

We expect the works to be completed by the end of November 2025. For the majority of this period the road will be limited to a single lane of traffic controlled by temporary traffic lights. The maximum width of road that will be left open to vehicles will be limited to approximately 3.5m.

In the interests of workforce and road user safety, it will remain necessary to undertake certain operations with the road fully closed to traffic. However, these closures can now be limited to occasional overnight periods only, in order to minimise disruption. We will provide residents and other stakeholders advance notice of each of these overnight closures as and when their exact dates are known.

Whilst the new, innovative solution to allow the road to largely remain open has, we hope, resolved issues and concerns raised by stakeholders, it significantly increases the risks associated with undertaking the works and, in particular, significantly increases the safety risks that our workforce will be exposed to.

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We therefore respectfully ask all road users to comply fully with the traffic management measures that will be in place, including the lane width available, and to drive through the site with due care and attention for worker safety at all times.

In particular, we wish to make stakeholders aware that if a driver goes through a red light, the temporary traffic light equipment will set itself to red in both directions in the interests of safety, and will take several minutes before returning to normal operation. We therefore ask drivers to remain patient at red lights in order to avoid adding to the overall time it takes to receive a green light.

We thank stakeholders in advance for their compliance with traffic safety measures, and thank them for their patience and understanding to date while we worked through the process of finding a mutually acceptable solution to the very complex challenges posed by the works required at this structure.

If you require any further information or would like to comment further on any of the proposed works please do not hesitate to contact Nicky Hardie by email at SEConsultation-bridges@bearscotland.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,



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For and on behalf of **BEAR Scotland**

