

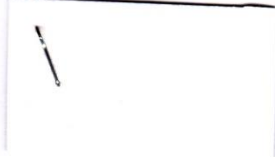


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Dear Sir/Madam,

**A31 Rufus Stone Junction – Central Reservation Gap Closure**

Kier Highways are the service provider for Area 3 and responsible for the maintenance and improvements of all motorways and trunk roads in Hampshire.

We are currently undertaking a Collision, Investigation and Prevention Study along the A31 to investigate road collisions and propose remedial measures.

An initial study was carried out in 2014, with an additional study carried out in 2018. The accident data over the past five year period up to June 2017 has indicated that there was one serious and four slight collisions at the Rufus Stone junction.

The junction allows for traffic from the A31 westbound carriageway to access the A31 eastbound carriageway and to travel north from the A31 to Brook.

To reduce the number of incidents and improve road safety, we are currently investigating a proposal to permanently close the Rufus Stone gap for vehicular traffic. This would result in all traffic which currently uses the gap continuing westbound on the A31 to the Picket Post junction in order to turn around.

Correspondence was sent to local stakeholders in 2014 regarding a possible gap closure with two objections received.

As we are now undertaking an additional study, we are contacting you to seek your views on the gap closure proposal as well as any other observations you may have regarding this junction.

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At present Highways England are reviewing their entire strategic road network with a view to closing all gaps along the A31; should Highways England decide to proceed with the design of a gap closure scheme, a legal Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised in the local media and formal objections can be made at this time.

Should you wish to log any enquiries now regarding this closure please contact us on 0300 123 5000 or email [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk), quoting A31 Rufus Gap Closure (Area 3).

Yours faithfully

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