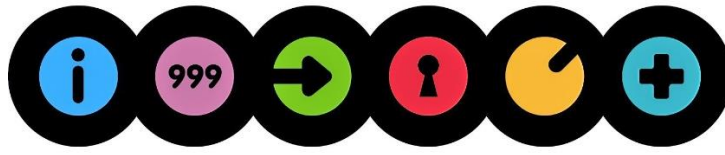


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Brock back for busy summer

Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) leaders would like to thank residents, businesses, drivers and hauliers for their patience as Operation Brock is set to return to the M20 ahead of the summer getaway.

The KRF's Strategic Planning Lead Simon Jones is also urging people to plan their cross-Channel journeys, including booking ahead, to help keep Kent moving and open for business this summer.

With a busy July and August predicted on Dover ferries and Eurotunnel, the contraflow at the heart of the Brock traffic management scheme will be reinstated overnight on Sunday 10 July.

The altered road layout between Junctions 8 and 9 reduces the impact of disruption by directing lorries heading for mainland Europe onto the motorway's coastbound carriageway, where they can be queued if necessary, while all other traffic can continue on its journey in both directions.

The installation of Brock means lorries heading to the Continent are legally required to follow the signed HGV routes to the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel.

National Highways' works to relocate the barrier that creates the contraflow permanently to the central reservation will again be suspended until Brock is lifted once the threat of major disruption has eased.

KRF Strategic Planning Lead Simon Jones, said: "Port of Dover and Eurotunnel are both reporting high booking numbers through July and August, with an increase in tourist traffic from Friday 15th July, and Friday 22 to Sunday 24 July set to be particularly busy, as tens of thousands of families head to Europe during the school holiday season.

“Combined with routine freight and local traffic, plus tourists travelling to our own great beaches and visitor attractions, we know Kent’s roads will be heavily used.

“KRF partners have agreed to implement Brock to ensure that if we need to step up managing EU-bound freight to protect local communities, keep Kent and goods moving as smoothly as possible and give people the opportunity to reach their destination quickly and safely over this period, we can quickly do so.”

Nicola Bell, Highways England Regional Director, said: “Along with our Kent Resilience Forum partners, we believe Operation Brock to be the best way to allow the local communities and businesses go about their daily business with minimal disruption.

“We’ve seen in the past how the moveable barrier on the M20 works well, enabling the steady flow of freight into Eurotunnel and the Port of Dover while ensuring motorists can get to where they need to, whatever the circumstances.

“We are committed to keeping the deployment of the barrier under constant review and removing it as soon as possible. Meanwhile, I would like to thank everyone for their patience during this time and urge hauliers to follow the signs on the M20 and stick to the official route.”

People needing to drive in or through Kent this summer should also follow simple steps to ensure they reach their destination safely by following a few simple steps including:

- CHECKING your route before you travel
- ALLOWING extra time for your journey
- CHECKING your vehicle’s tyres before you set off to avoid an unnecessary breakdown, and
- PACKING your car with essentials, including food, water, medicines you take regularly and essentials you may need if travelling with children.

For where to go for the latest traffic and travel updates in Kent visit: [Check before you travel – Kent County Council](#)

For more information on Operation Brock visit National Highways’ website [here](#) and for more information about checking your vehicle before travelling visit [here](#)

For further details about the Kent Resilience Forum partnership visit [the Kent Prepared website](#)

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