

Our ref: M5 junction 4a-6

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Dear **xx**

M5 junctions 4a to 6 smart motorway - opening of phase 2 (junctions 5 to 6)

I am pleased to inform you that the second and final phase of the M5 smart motorway scheme between junctions 5 (Droitwich Spa) and junction 6 (Worcester) is set to open on 25 May. This will complete the smart motorway scheme.

The M5 is a strategic route that carries between 50,000 and 75,000 vehicles per day between the Midlands and the south west. As part of our continued investment on this key strategic route, the smart motorway upgrade has added an extra lane in both directions, adding much needed capacity, and will be fully open at speeds up to 70 mph between junctions 4a near Bromsgrove and 6 near Worcester.

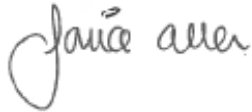
We have introduced new CCTV cameras which will be in operation 24 hours a day, and electronic information signs and signals on gantries, which will show the variable mandatory speed limits and manage traffic flow and incidents, improving journeys by reducing congestion and enabling drivers to benefit from smoother more reliable journeys on this vital route.

Emergency refuge areas are installed throughout the length of the scheme and motorists can benefit from smoother journeys following the resurfacing of the carriageway in both directions with low noise surfacing.

The M5 junctions 4a to 6 smart motorway is part of a major government investment worth £15bn to build a modern and resilient road network and will also support the essential work being undertaken on the M5 at Oldbury Viaduct between junctions 1 and 2.

Safety is our number one priority; we are working hard to make sure our network is safe and that we can deliver the benefits of smart motorways in the area. Please visit our 'How to drive on a smart motorway' page at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-drive-on-a-smart-motorway> for advice and guidance on how to use smart motorways safely.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Smith".

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