

Journey Time Trial Tackling congestion on M42 Junction 10 – 11 Traffic Information and Roadworks

The M42 between Junctions 10 and 11 is only 2 lanes wide, with a long uphill gradient on the northbound carriageway. Because of this, heavy lorries slow down and when they try to overtake each other, it can block both lanes, slowing down traffic for several miles.

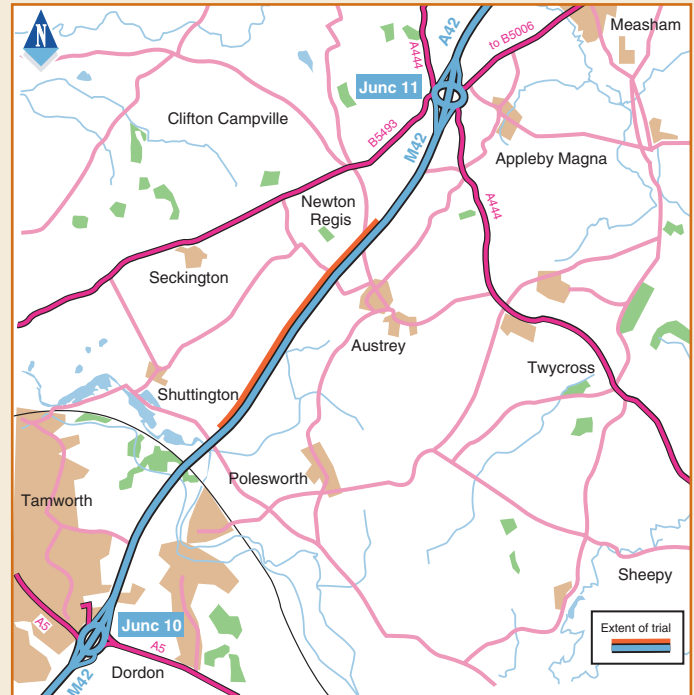
By restricting northbound lorries of over 7.5 tonnes to the inside northbound lane, the outer lane is clear for faster, lighter traffic. The Highways Agency aims to reduce traffic congestion and improve safety. We expect journey times to be improved and for traffic to flow more smoothly.

We will monitor before, during and after the trial to see how effective it is. The trial will run for up to 18 months to assess its effectiveness as a solution to traffic queues and in minimising the risk of accidents caused by slow moving vehicles.

We welcome comments from road users. You can contact us at the address below.

The Highways Agency is trying to reduce congestion experienced by road users. It aims to give better journey time reliability. In an effort to do this we are introducing a trial restricting lorries of over 7.5 tonnes from overtaking on a three-mile stretch of the northbound M42 between Junction 10 (Tamworth) and Junction 11 (Appleby Magna).

Passenger coaches permitted to travel at speeds up to 70 mph will not be affected by this restriction.



The trial will commence at 7am on Monday 10th October 2005, and will run daily from 7am to 7pm. It will last up to 18 months.

Signs will be installed on the M42 to inform motorway users of the lane restrictions.

The first 6 months of the trial will be a consultation period. If you want to comment please write to: -

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