## **Highways England J35 to J34 Southbound Overnight Closures**

We'd like to let people know that around 20 to 30 heavy goods vehicles are expected to use Kellet Road through Carnforth at night from Monday 2 July to Friday 6 July (between 22.00 and 06.00) due to work taking place on the M6.

Resurfacing work being carried out by Highways England will mean the motorway will be closed southbound overnight between J35 and J34, with all except the highest vehicles being diverted from J36 onto the A65, then the A683 near Kirkby Lonsdale to return onto the M6 at J34.

However, a low bridge on the A683 at Claughton means that vehicles over 15'6" will be diverted onto the A6 instead. In order to avoid another low bridge on the A6, they will then take the link to the M6 north of Carnforth (A601m) to Kellet Road to return to the A6 and back to the M6 at J34 via the Bay Gateway (A683).

Lancashire County Council have asked us to help get this message out to residents as they know people in Carnforth will still be concerned at the recent disruption caused by Highways England diverting all motorway traffic through Carnforth earlier in June.

The impact of these extra HGVs overnight is not expected to be anywhere near as severe, however the county council's highways department want to let people know about it as early as possible. The estimate of around 20 to 30 HGVs being expected to use the diversion is based on experience of the same diversion being used previously.

Highways England will be monitoring the flow of traffic through the diversion and Lancashire County Council would also like to reassure residents that the canal bridge at Kellet Road is suitable for heavy vehicles. The weight restriction on this route is not due to the bridge, but an environmental restriction which was put in place to ensure that all HGVs travelling to the quarries to the east of Carnforth use the A601m rather than going through the middle of Carnforth.

Finally, Lancashire County Council are continuing to discuss with Highways England the diversion routes around Carnforth and the surrounding area. They recognise that future work/incidents on the motorway network could mean traffic needing to be diverted into the area and are keen to reduce any potential impact this could have for residents and road users.