

Working on behalf of



2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

To whom it may concern

### **Carnell Employee – Essential Work**

Government advice published on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 (and expected to be underpinned by law during the first week of November) regarding the new national restrictions states that:

*“To help contain the virus, everyone who can work effectively from home must do so. Where people cannot do so (for instance people who work in critical national infrastructure, construction or manufacturing) they should continue to travel to work/ attend their workplace. This is essential to keeping the country operating and supporting vital sectors and employers.”*

Highways England have confirmed that their work:

*“will continue to operate in the C-19 compliant way that we have collectively evolved since March because the Prime Minister specifically stated that the construction industry should continue to work. We will not be stopping any activities and I would like all suppliers to support this approach in the same way that you supported Highways England at the start of the pandemic.”*

(A copy of the correspondence we have received from Highways England is appended to this letter).

**Carnell Support Services undertakes capital maintenance schemes on behalf of Highways England on the strategic road network (motorways and major A roads) and as such our employees will continue to travel and work during the latest national lockdown.**

Please accept this letter as confirmation that this Carnell employee is undertaking essential work as defined by the Government. Given the current circumstances we find ourselves in, I welcome your co-operation in supporting our workers while they perform their duties on the strategic road network.

Kind regards

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Hello,

I would like to start by thanking you and your teams for your continued work to date in keeping the Strategic Road Network (SRN) operating through this difficult times, especially as we are now entering a second national lockdown following the Prime Minister's announcement of Saturday 31 10 2020. Based on this I am writing to update you on the Highways England position.

Highways England will continue to operate in the C-19 compliant way that we have collectively evolved since March because the Prime Minister specifically stated that the construction industry should continue to work. We will not be stopping any activities and I would like all suppliers to support this approach in the same way that you supported Highways England at the start of the pandemic.

Please remember that all activities must be in line with Construction Leadership Council Site Operating Procedures V6 and Government guidelines and it is essential that we do this in order to keep the SRN operating to support the country, the economy and to maintain cash flow to all tiers of the supply chain.

As usual should you have any questions please use the [Corona.Information@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Corona.Information@highwaysengland.co.uk) e-mail address. If you have any queries about media handling of Covid-19-related issues, or others, our Press Office is available to support your communication teams at [pressoffice@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:pressoffice@highwaysengland.co.uk).

Please also keep us fully informed of any challenges that you believe could occur, or you are experiencing, so that we can ensure a coordinated Highways England and supply chain response. Please also continue to work with your normal points of contact within Highways England on a daily basis.

Once again thank you for your help and support in continuing to operate and deliver work on the SRN as we enter the second national lockdown. I look forward to continuing to work with your organisations over the coming weeks.

Malcolm.

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