



Safety Alert

Unsafe position of worker alongside live traffic

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Kier Highways

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A customer complaint was received in Area 3, providing images from their Dash Cam of a lone worker on the grass verge of the A3, extremely close to live traffic.

The customer shared their concerns surrounding the work practice they'd observed and were worried that no Traffic Management, or safe systems were in place to protect the worker.

The event was immediately investigated and summarised as follows;



"...the operative in question was aware of the operational procedures for working within the 1.2m safety clearance zone, and at the time believed he was observing the required distance from the rib line of the carriageway. In hindsight, he has acknowledged after reviewing the pictures that he may have encroached the 1.2m safety zone by 30cm, but was not in any other contravention of the existing safe system of work..."

To aid our response to this following the investigation, all operational staff must be re-briefed and reminded whilst carrying out short-stop works to;

- always follow the approved Safe System of Work
- stay vigilant, be aware of your surroundings and never cut corners
- carry out a regular dynamic risk assessment and not become task focussed
- follow the Kier 5 SHE basics

