



Safety Alert

A12 Road Traffic Accident

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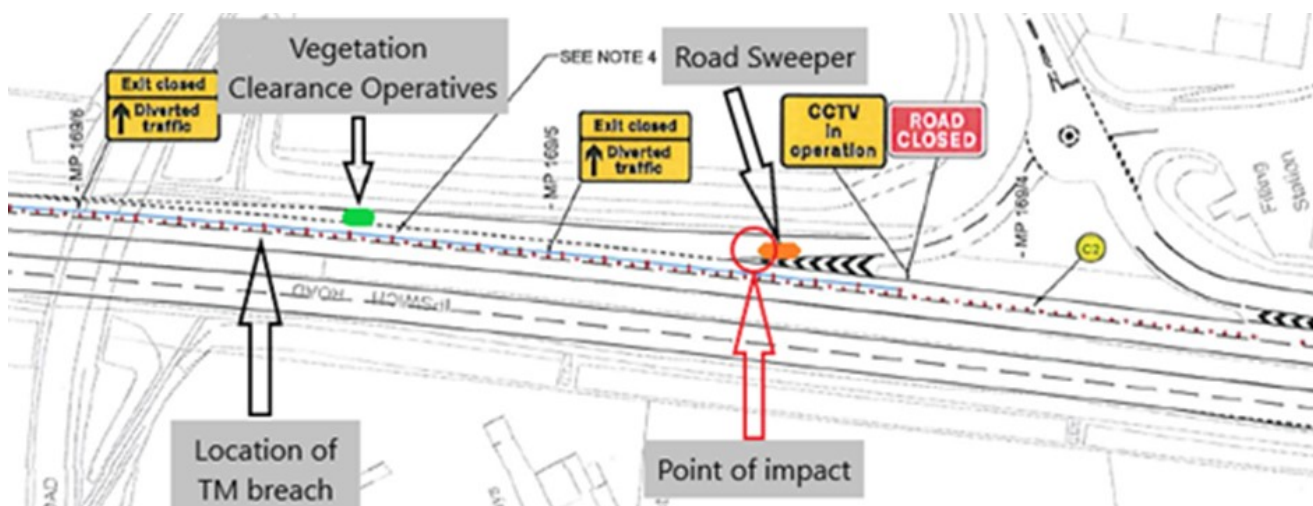
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Safety Bulletin

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Shortly after the CWF supply chain commenced work on the 20th of October, a member of the public drove their vehicle through the cones and breached the working area. The vehicle continued to drive 150m inside the working area at a speed of approximately 70mph before it collided with a road sweeper working on the scheme.



The team on site reacted quickly, using the water hose from the sweeper to dampen the engine bay of the crashed vehicle to prevent fire breaking out and providing first aid. Their quick thinking undoubtedly prevented further serious injury!

The emergency services attended the scene, cutting the vehicle driver free before taking him for emergency surgery; he is expected to make a full recovery. The sweeper driver attended hospital and was released later that day with minor injuries but was signed off work for a period of over 14 days.



All those who witnessed the incident and assisted to the injured parties were stood down for the remainder of the week and provided help through their employers and their employee assistance programs.

The Investigation has identified that the member of the public driving the vehicle was at fault and that the installation of the traffic management and the site works had no influence on the cause of the accident.

Essex Police provided the below information regarding the causes of the accident:

- The driver had been witnessed 'weaving in and out' of lanes prior to the road works
- The driver was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- The driver may have been fatigued
- The driver was driving without due care and attention
- There were no issues identified with the traffic management

Essex police have further commented that every effort should be made that any vehicle being used on a live carriageway is fitted with a dashcam. These provide an invaluable source of data to aid in the investigation of road traffic accidents and vehicle incursions within roadworks and can significantly improve the chances of successful prosecutions.

The driver will be prosecuted under the road traffic act for failing to drive with due care and attention an offence that could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and disqualification from driving.

Remember: 'Be SAFE' - 'Let's All Go Home Safely'