

Roadworks at Sheraton transcript

[At the top left of the image a Durham County Council logo followed by the text 'Roadworks at Sheraton' is displayed. Both are visible throughout the video.]

[Sound of traffic]

[Voice of John Reed, Head of Technical Services]

[As John speaks an aerial view of the Sheraton road junction is shown. Overlaid onto the image is a Location icon with text on screen which reads 'A19 / A179 Sheraton junction' Below this is the text 'Better with sound', followed by a Sound icon. The camera pans over the junction showing the bridge over the A19 with slip roads to/from the A179. Both roads are busy with traffic and the traffic is queued on the slip road from the A19 towards the A179.]

[John]

Durham County Council are working in partnership with Highways England to undertake significant junction improvement works, here at the junction of the A19 with the A179.

[Head and shoulder video of John standing at the roadside looking towards the camera. He's wearing an orange high visibility jacket.]

[As John speaks video clips are shown which include the following:

Roadworks sign with the road and traffic in the background.

Road directions sign – straight on for Hartlepool (A179), Right for Stockton (A19) and Middlesbrough (A66) and left for Sunderland (A19).

Queuing traffic on the slip road.

Traffic signs for: traffic lights, new road layout ahead and road narrows on left in two hundred yards.

Aerial view of A179 road bridge with A19 beneath and showing the traffic queuing to get onto the busy A179. Various other views of the traffic of roads near the junction.]

[John]

Well, regular users of this junction particularly at rush hour will know that there can be quite big problems with queuing traffic, particularly traffic coming off the A19 northbound and turning on to the A179.

The works will involve basically putting in traffic signals, for all directions to control traffic and that will enable the traffic that currently queues particularly at rush hour, that will be able to control those flows so much better that it will significantly reduce the congestion.

So we will only be working from 9.30am until 3.00pm each day to avoid the rush hours, because we know that there are already issues with congestion here and we will want to do our best to avoid adding to that further.

This scheme will really help improve traffic flows, reduce congestion, and also those issues with congestion in the past have perhaps contributed to a number of road traffic collisions. So, we really think this scheme will really help improve road safety as well, which is really welcome.

[Video clip of LED road sign which reads 'Work starts here 1/10/18 allow extra time for your journey Find out more: durham.gov.uk/Sheraton'.]

I'd like to thank all road users in advance for their patience while we are doing these works and ask people to take extra care.

I'd advise people to check our website which is durham.gov.uk/Sheraton