



A417 Missing Link

IMPORTANT

Works Information for your area

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Dear Customer,

A417 Missing Link – Upcoming closures

Kier Transportation is working on behalf of National Highways to improve the existing A417 Missing Link. We're writing to inform you that as part of the ongoing improvements to the network, there will be overnight and weekend road closures in January and early February, which may affect your journeys:

The A417 will be closed between the A46 Brockworth junction and the Air Balloon roundabout during the weekend on the following dates:

- From 9pm on Friday 16 January to 6am Monday 19 January
- From 9pm on Friday 30 January to 6am Monday 2 February

We'll be moving northbound traffic onto a section of the new road to allow us to realign the existing carriageway, carry out works on the central reservation, earthworks and drainage in the area.

Access for traffic travelling towards Cirencester via the A417, Leckhampton Hill, and the A436 will remain open via the Air Balloon roundabout, including entry to Crickley Hill Country Park.

The A417 will be closed overnight for southbound traffic between The Air Balloon roundabout and The Highwayman Inn on the following date:

- From 9pm Thursday 15 January to 6am Friday 16 January

Northbound traffic between Cirencester and the Air Balloon roundabout will remain unaffected. We're preparing the carriageway for a traffic switch planned for Spring 2026.

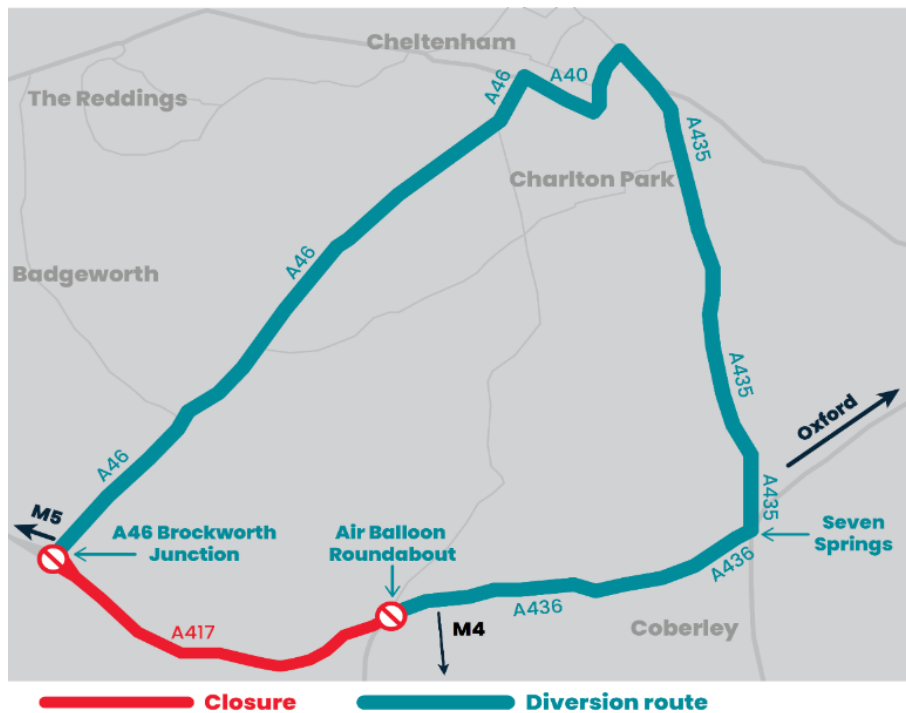
Access for emergency services will be fully maintained during the closures. Fully signposted diversion routes will be in place during the closure. Please follow the official diversion route on page two and three of this letter and not satnavs.

For the southbound diversion - Brockworth junction to Air Balloon roundabout:

1. turn left towards Cheltenham onto the A46 Shurdington Road
2. turn right towards Oxford onto the A40 Thirlestaine Road
3. turn right towards Cirencester onto London Road
3. continue towards Cirencester on the A435
4. turn right on the Seven Springs roundabout onto the A436
5. continue towards Cirencester on the A417
6. turn left towards Cirencester onto the A417

For the northbound diversion - Air Balloon roundabout to Brockworth junction:

1. turn right at the Air Balloon Roundabout, follow the A436 towards Seven Springs
2. from Seven Springs roundabout, follow Cirencester road towards Cheltenham
3. continue on the A435 and turn left towards Cheltenham onto the A40
4. turn left onto the A40 Old Bath Road
5. follow the road to the right and remain on the A40
6. turn left onto the A46 Shurdington Road
7. take the third turning at Brockworth junction to travel towards Gloucester

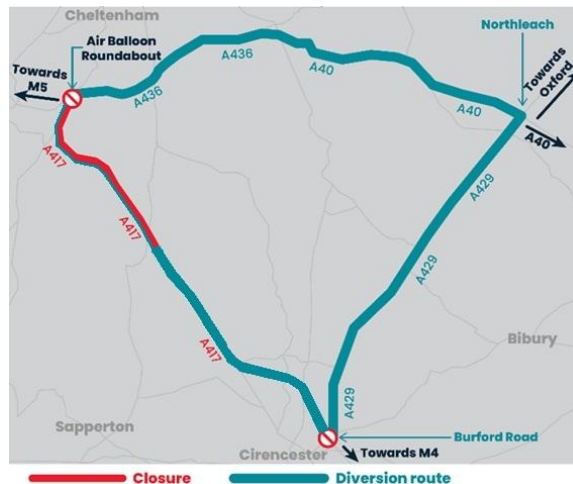


Diversion route for the A46 Brockworth Junction to Air Balloon Roundabout closure

Please plan your journeys in advance and check the National Highways website for updates and other works in the region. Visit <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/travel-updates/road-closure-report/>

For the Air Balloon to Burford Road southbound diversion:

- follow A436 towards Stow-on-the-Wold
- At the Severn Springs roundabout, turn left then right and continue along the A436 Oxford Road
- turn right towards Oxford and follow the A40
- turn right towards Cirencester onto the A429



Diversion route for the southbound closure from the Air Balloon roundabout to the Highwayman Inn

Please note that these works are subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

We'll be hosting two public information events in January 2026. These sessions are a great opportunity to meet the team and discuss the project. The events will take place on the following dates:

- **National Star College, Cheltenham (GL53 9QU)**
Date: 7 January 2026 (11am to 2:30pm)
- **The George Inn, Birdlip (GL4 8JH)**
Date: 13 January 2026 (11am to 2:30pm)

Where to find more information:

You can find more information about the scheme, along with the diversion information on our project webpage: nationalhighways.co.uk/a417-missing-link. If you have any questions, or you would like to speak to someone about this work, you can call our contact centre on 0300 123 5000, who will pass your details to the team, or email a417missinglinkatairballoon@nationalhighways.co.uk

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve the A417.

Yours faithfully

A417 Communications Team

