

A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project Project Update – July 2026 Narrow Lane Installation & Upcoming Road Closures

Dear Stakeholders,

Thank you for your continued interest in the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine (NTP) project.

We're continuing with advanced works and have now installed average speed cameras on the A66 between M6 junction 40 and Temple Sowerby, with the 40mph speed limit in place. CCTV cameras are now also covering the route to allow us to monitor traffic and provide free vehicle recovery in our work areas.

Due to the nature of the large-scale construction activities of upgrading the A66, narrow lanes need to be installed to facilitate the forthcoming works happening around Center Parcs (500m west of Center Parcs to Temple Sowerby bypass). This means there will be a ban on wide loads over 2.9m travelling from M6 junction 40 to Temple Sowerby from 20 July 2026 until Winter 2030/31. Alternative routes for wide loads will be via either the A69 or the M62 depending on the starting location of the wide load as shown on the map below.

[Google Maps - A66 NTP - Narrow Lanes Diversion](#)

We'll be putting out more than 100 black and yellow road signs across the north of England at all the key ports, airports and interchanges, informing wide loads of their alternative routes. For customers travelling from the south, they will be informed by mobile messaging boards and information on our motorway gantries.

For wide loads who miss this signage, there will be several wide load holding areas in place to capture and divert the loads as shown on the map below.

[Google Maps - A66 NTP - Wide Load Holding Areas](#)

To install these narrow lanes, we need to close the A66 overnight from Monday 20 July to Wednesday 22 July inclusive (three nights). These closures will be in both directions between Kemplay roundabout and Temple Sowerby and will be in place from midnight to 6am.

We will use the same strategic diversion routes for non-wide load vehicles as we did for the last closures, which is shown on the map below.

[Google Maps - A66 NTP - Diversion Routes](#)

Emergency access will be retained throughout the closure but for all other traffic there will be a fully signed diversion in place, and details are available [here](#).

We will continue to update our [Project webpage](#) and will update our social media channels of [Facebook](#) and [X](#)

If you have any questions regarding these works, please get in touch with us at A66NTP@nationalhighways.co.uk

Thank you for your patience

The A66 NTP Team