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Road closure information Q & A

Q. What is the announcement about today ?

A. Today marks the start of the process of releasing information to the media and public on road closures and traffic management to be used on and around the route of the 2014 Tour de France Grand Départ.

Q. Is there any reason why it has been announced today ?

A. All parties involved in the organisation of the Tour have been committed to releasing the closures and traffic management information as early as possible to allow residents, businesses and visitors to plan accordingly. We are now in a position to start releasing the first information as part of that process.

Q. When will the roads be closed and for how long ?

A. The road closures will be subject to local planning. On some parts of the route the roads will close from early in the morning, on other sections it may be later. Residents should plan for the roads to be closed for a minimum period of eight hours.

Q. Why will they be closed that long ?

A. It is necessary to close the roads for this length of time to install and remove the infrastructure needed for the Tour and also to ensure spectators can enjoy the event safely. Before the race comes through spectators will be entertained by the Tour's unique promotional 'caravan' of vehicles.

Q. What happens after the race has passed each area ?

A. Roads will open as soon as is safely possible once the Tour infrastructure has been removed. Some sections of the route are likely to be subject to phased reopening to minimise congestion, especially in areas with high numbers of spectators.

Q. Will parking be restricted on and near the route ?

A. Yes, in most cases there will be no parking directly on the route on race day and significant restrictions on adjoining roads for safety purposes. Full information on parking will be given by each local authority.

Q. Will road closures be different in the start and finish locations ?

A. Yes, road closure periods are anticipated to be longer in these locations due to the additional Tour infrastructure needing to be put in place and removed afterwards.

Q. Why is North Yorkshire County Council the first area to release specific information in terms of named roads being directly impacted ?

A. North Yorkshire County Council has more than 50 per cent of the route of stages one and two on its roads covering a large geographical area and is expected to receive a significant number of spectators to watch the race. It is therefore important for information-sharing and logistical reasons that as much detail for this area is widely known as early as possible.

Q When will the other areas of the route find out similar local detail ?

A. All other local authority areas on the route will be releasing similar information in the weeks to come as local traffic plans are finalised.

Q. What is being done for people or businesses directly on the route or directly connected to it ?

A. Each local authority will shortly be providing full details to those people and businesses which will be directly impacted by the route of the Tour.

Q. What happens if there is an emergency on the route or nearby ?

A. The planning for the Tour has involved extensive discussions with all the emergency services to ensure that services will be not disrupted. Any emergency will always be treated as a priority.

Q When will the complete traffic management information be widely available ?

A. This is just the first part of the process. Further information will be released by each local authority as soon as it is ready to be made public in the weeks and months to come. Traffic management plans in each area are currently being finalised to take into account factors such as the precise race timings, dedicated spectator 'hubs' and expected spectator numbers.

Q. How will people be able to find out more ?

A. As soon as new information is released in an area, it will be able to be seen on the relevant local authority's official website along with contact details for anyone to discuss any issues around the information given. It will also appear at www.letouryorkshire.com/roadclosures

Q. When will road closure and traffic information be available for stage three (Cambridge to London) ?

A. The information for stage three is currently being prepared with the first announcements expected in the coming weeks.

- Saturday 5th July - Stage One: Leeds - Harrogate: 190km (118 miles)
- Sunday 6th July - Stage Two: York - Sheffield: 200km (125 miles)
- Monday 7th July - Stage Three: Cambridge - London 170km (106 miles)