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Operational Advice Notice

VADER North De-Icing Pad – Traffic Management Plan

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It is the responsibility of all employers to ensure that relevant OANs are brought to the attention of their staff. However, individuals remain responsible for their own actions and those who are in any doubt should consult their supervisor or manager.

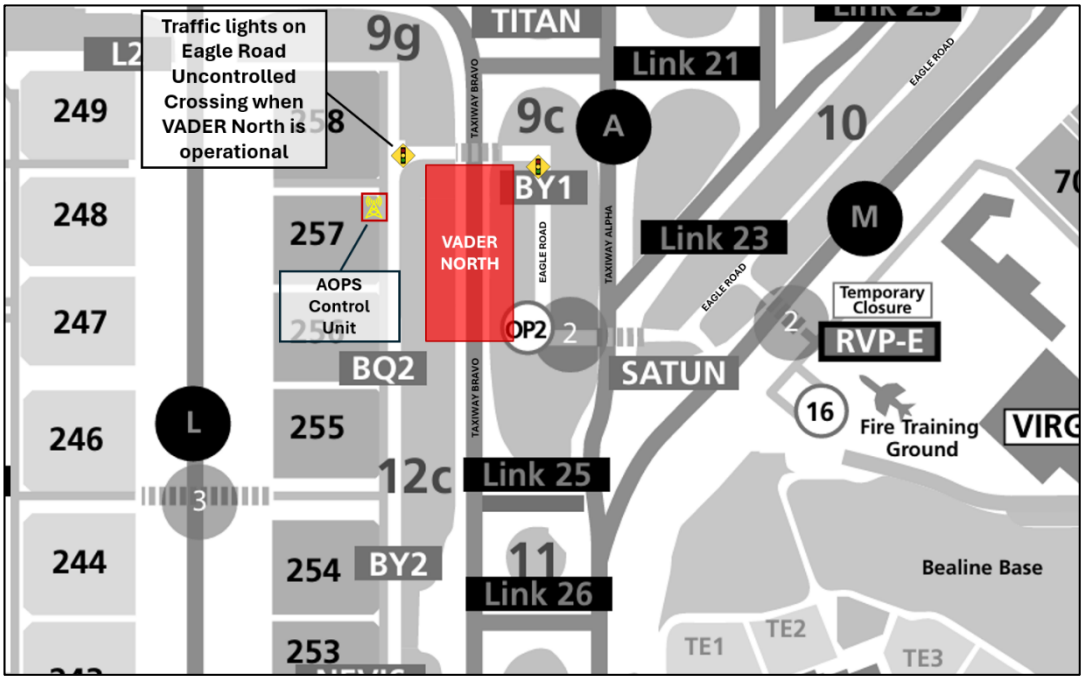
1. Introduction

This Operational Advice Notice (OAN) informs the airport community of revised traffic management arrangements at the Eagle Road Uncontrolled Crossing across Taxiway Bravo during the 2026/27 Winter Season.

Traffic lights will be implemented and activated at the crossing whenever the VADER North De-Icing Pad is in operation, as shown in **Drawing A**. This arrangement applies to all vehicles using the Eagle Road crossing during these periods.

At all other times, when the VADER North De-Icing Pad is not in operation, the crossing will continue to operate as a standard uncontrolled crossing, and the traffic lights will remain switched off. Colleagues must continue to follow the normal requirements for using an uncontrolled taxiway crossing.

Drawing A: VADER North and Eagle Road Uncontrolled Crossing Overview



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2. Details

The Eagle Road crossing across Taxiway Bravo currently operates as an uncontrolled taxiway crossing in accordance with standard uncontrolled crossing procedures. When the VADER North De-Icing Pad is operational for aircraft de-icing, the crossing will be temporarily controlled using traffic lights operated by Airfield Operations.

During VADER de-icing operations, aircraft may be required to queue for de-icing and/or occupy the de-icing pad, resulting in the normal two-aircraft separation at the crossing being unable to be maintained. Temporary traffic management arrangements are therefore required to ensure the safe movement of vehicles across Taxiway Bravo during these periods.

When the traffic management is in operation:

- Drivers must comply with the traffic light signals at the crossing.
- Drivers must comply with any instructions provided by Airfield Operations personnel managing the crossing.
- Vehicles must not proceed through a red traffic light.
- Once VADER North operations have ceased, the traffic lights will be switched off, and the crossing will return to normal uncontrolled operation.

These arrangements will apply from the effective date of this document and throughout the remainder of the 2026/27 Winter Season, whenever the VADER North De-Icing Pad is in operation.

3. Emergency

In the event of an emergency, please call **222 (Heathrow internal landline) or 020 8759 1212 (external/mobile)**.

4. Enquiries

Any questions regarding this OAN should be directed to airsideoperations.support@heathrow.com.