

Operational Advice Notice

Airside Tunnels Maintenance Closure Programme 2024

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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.

This is an updated version. Red bars have been added at the side of the document to draw the reader’s attention to where changes have been made.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Maintenance closures to Heathrow’s airside tunnels are scheduled in line with Maximo works orders following a 13-week cycle, and are communicated to all our suppliers and internal stakeholders. (With the exception of the Cargo Tunnel which has 4 weekly closure cycles).
- 1.2 While we endeavour to stick to these dates, if additional closures must be made for emergency purposes, we will communicate using the relevant channels, where we can, before closing the tunnel(s).

2. Detail of the Closures

- 2.1 Closures for Airside Road Tunnel (ART), SAR/NAR will be held from **Monday to Thursday between the hours of 23:00 and 04:30 for 13 weeks (91 days)**.
- 2.2 ART closure commencing on 2nd April 2024 will be moved **from Monday – Thursday to Tuesday – Friday** to avoid a clash with the Easter Monday bank holiday.
- 2.3 Due to the Christmas holidays, the closure of Southern Airside Road (SAR)/Northern Airside Road (NAR) in December 2024 has been brought forward to 16th December 2024. In 2025, the 1st closure will follow a 14-week cycle before reforming back to 13 weeks.

ART	SAR/NAR
Closures start from the following dates for 13 weeks (91 days), between the hours of 23:00 and 04:30	
2 nd January 2024	18 th December 2023
2nd April 2024 (Tuesday to Friday)	18 th March 2024
1 st July 2024	24 th June 2024
30 th September 2024	23 rd September 2024
6 th January 2025	16 th December 2024



- 2.4** Closures for Cargo Tunnel will be held from **Monday to Wednesday** between the hours of **21:30 and 04:30** for 4 weeks (28 days).

Cargo Tunnel
Closures start from the following dates for 4 weeks (28 days), between the hours of 21:30 and 04:30.
2 nd January 2024
29 th January 2024
26 th February 2024
18 th March 2024
22 nd April 2024
20 th May 2024
17 th June 2024
15 th July 2024
12 th August 2024
9 th September 2024
7 th October 2024
4 th November 2024
2 nd December 2024
6 th January 2025

- 2.5** Closures for Eastern Apron Airside Road Tunnel (EAART) will be held from **Monday to Tuesday** between the hours of **23:00 and 04:30**. The exception is the closure commencing on **5th December 2024** will be held from **Thursday to Friday** following the Cargo Tunnel closures.

EAART
Closures start from the following dates for 13 weeks (91 days), between the hours of 23:00 and 04:30.
7 th December 2023
4 th March 2024
3 rd June 2024
2 nd September 2024
5th December 2024 (Thursday to Friday)

- 2.6** Details of the closure procedures can be found in 10000-XX-AM-237-000003 Tunnels - Maintenance Closure Logistics Plan - V 2.0
- 2.7** Management of Tunnels and Governance is detailed in Tunnel Management and Governance General Principles 19341-XX-TD-400-000019.
- 2.8** The Main Tunnel (one Bore each night) and the Cargo Tunnel will continue to close from Monday to Friday due to refurbishment works.



2.9 The Cargo Tunnel refurbishment works and the planned maintenance will have combined closures. Reference should be made to ASWorks_OAN_070 Cargo Tunnel Refurbishment Works for details.

3. Enquiries

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