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A new Midlands Highway Alliance Plus (MHA Plus) manager has been appointed.

Karen Notman will officially take up her post on Monday, 10 May and will initially work alongside current manager Peter Barclay until his retirement at the end of June.

Ann Carruthers, chair of the MHA Plus said: "I am delighted that Karen will be taking up the role in the next few days. She joins us from Waterman Aspen and has a wealth of experience across both the private and public sector in the Midlands.

Her knowledge of the sector and its challenges, as well as the relationships she already has with our key stakeholders, will be a real asset to us and we look forward to her contribution in driving forward the future direction of MHA Plus."

Karen has previously had an active role on MHA boards and steering groups, involvement in several Midland Service Improvement task groups and a short spell working in the West Midlands.

She said: "I've gained a lot of insight into the MHA and its frameworks from different perspectives over the past few years as a client, consultant and secondee.

It's is an exciting time to be joining the new-look Alliance, which only came together in July last year."

The MHA Plus was formed from the merger of three regional efficiencies groups, the Midlands Highway Alliance, the Midlands Service Improvement Group and the West Midlands Highway Alliance in July 2020.

The new Alliance has a membership of 35 local highway authorities from across the Midlands and beyond.

The Alliance is managed by an Executive Board, to give strategic direction, and a Programme Board, which gives a technical overview of the work of the groups.

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