

Fatal road collision on M8

Police are appealing for witnesses after a 19-year-old female was killed in a road collision that happened on the M8 on Tuesday night.

The incident happened at around 11pm, around a mile west of the Hermiston Junction.

The victim had been walking on the eastbound carriageway of the motorway when she was struck by a minibus and thrown into the westbound carriageway, where she was struck by a car.

Ambulance crew pronounced her dead at the scene. The road was closed in both directions for approximately six hours while police carried out enquiries.

Inspector David Milne, from the Road Policing Unit at Lothian and Borders Police, said: "An investigation is underway in order to establish the circumstances of this tragic incident, and we want to hear from anyone who has information that can assist our enquiries.

"We are appealing for anyone who was travelling eastbound or westbound on the M8 between Claylands and Hermiston Gait between 10.15pm and 11pm, who may have witnessed the collision or noticed any persons walking on or near to the M8, to come forward.

"Similarly, we want to speak to any pedestrians who may have been on the Gogar Station Road bridge over the M8, and saw the victim from there.

"We are considering the possibility that other motorists may have hit the victim as they travelled west on the M8 at around 11pm, after the initial fatal collision.

"They may have been unaware of striking her at the time, but may now suspect otherwise. If so, we would also urge them to

get in touch.”