



## A133 IPSWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (01.04.2019)



# Noteworthy Information

- **Harwich Road Closure**

- Harwich Road South will be fully closed from 01.04.19 – 21.04.19. A full diversion and advance warning signage will be in place. This will also be publicised via all possible media outlets and notice boards.

- **UKPN/BT works on Ipswich Road North.**

- The excavation on Ipswich Road North lane closure at junction to Ipswich road roundabout for the UKPN and BT ducting road crossing is ongoing. Due to the amount of utility service pipes and ducts in this location this excavation has to be hand excavated to follow our safe dig procedure to a depth of 1.4m to get below the service pipes. This is a slower process than excavating it with mechanical excavators. We have located 2 gas mains in line with our proposed route for the new ducting which we believe may be redundant however this needs to be confirmed by Cadent. We are carrying out further hand excavation in this trench line to the required depth to the existing kerb line, this will enable us to lay the UKPN and BT ducting up to the point of going under the known gas mains or have them removed and go through at the position of the gas mains.

# Road Closures

- The current proposed location and dates for the confirmed closures are detailed below:
- Harwich Road, Colchester on both sides of the carriageway from the Junction of Greenstead Road in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 190m to its junction with the Harwich Road roundabouts. 1 April 2019 –22 April 2019

# Traffic management for week commencing 04.01.19

- The footpath around Waitrose from Ipswich Road North to St Andrews Avenue remains open. We are trenching across Ipswich road North for the UKPN/BT works and currently have 1 lane closed. We will be completing these crossings in 3 phases via various lane closures to trench across the road with these utilities.
- Cowdray Avenue has a lane closure in place up to the Ipswich Road roundabout to allow for the UKPN/BT crossings to be carried out safely across the mouth of the junction of Ipswich Road North. This will also allow for us to carry out the UKPN diversion across Cowdray Avenue.
- There is a lane closure in place from the Harwich Road compound to the Ipswich Road roundabout. This is to keep traffic reduced to 1 lane from all approaches for safety reasons.
- The footpath around the Harwich Road compound is open and we have a temporary pedestrian controlled crossing in place on St Andrews Avenue. We have pushed out the walkway to allow the space for pedestrians to navigate this area safely.
- The footpath around the North East corner of Harwich Road is half open to allow pedestrians and cyclists to pass by the works.

# Traffic management for week commencing 04.01.19

- Lane 1 is closed on the approach to the Harwich Road roundabout along St Andrews Avenue for the gas pipe connections.
- The footpath along St Andrews avenue from St David's Close to the Harwich Road roundabout is closed. The public have been safely diverted and this is to accommodate the Cadent Gas works.
- We have footpath closure signage detailing routes around the specific closure points around site.
- St Andrews Gardens has a temporary island of water filled barrier as we have removed the physical island itself.
- The footpath from Harwich road north around to St Andrews Avenue west at the zebra crossing will be closed in phases this week to allow for UKPN works.



## Manhole 6 – St Andrews Avenue







BT smaller manhole reconstructions  
outside Waitrose on St Andrews Avenue





Harwich Road  
north east  
excavation for  
mains  
connections





St Andrews Avenue East  
Cadent Gas trenching

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St Andrews Avenue East  
Cadent Gas trenching  
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Ipswich Road  
North  
trenching for  
UKPN/BT





St Andrews Gardens island removal.  
Temporary island installed with water  
barrier



Walkway around Waitrose, our compound and Orchard Gardens to accommodate trial holes and trenching for BT/UKPN







Harwich Road north  
east corner open whilst  
works are ongoing

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# Works Completed 25.03.19 – 31.03.19.

- The gas Trenching on St Andrews Avenue in a westerly direction towards Harwich Road roundabout is ongoing.
- An excavation is complete in the carriageway of Harwich Road North to allow for mains connections to be made for the gas main. This will remain open whilst all connections are made.
- The UKPN/BT trenches and ducting are ongoing. These are very delicate works and therefore requires us to hand dig as per our safe dig policy. This is because there are a lot of utilities in the area to overcome.
- We have removed the centre Island on St Andrews Gardens. This is for BT/TLU works and will allow for various types of traffic management for these works. We have installed water barriers in this area instead of pedestrian barrier. There was a concern raised around visibility and has been rectified.
- New gas pipe is continuing to be laid along St Andrews Avenue towards Harwich Road.
- Manhole 6 works are ongoing. There is good progress on this. Works have also commenced on 2 smaller manholes outside Waitrose on St Andrews Avenue in the footpath. These are almost complete.

# Works Programmed for Week Commencing 01.04.19

- The laying of ducting for UKPN/BT across Ipswich Road North is ongoing. This has involved alterations to the Ipswich Road roundabouts size and location to allow for these works. The works here are very delicate and time consuming due to lots of utilities all being in the same vicinity.
- The laying of ducting along St Andrews Avenue for the gas main is ongoing. We are making very good progress on this. The Excavations on Harwich Road North in 1 lane are complete and ready to make connections to existing mains. This will enable the diverted newly laid route to be tested.
- Harwich Road South will be closed to continue further utility diversions.
- We will be looking to start UKPN trenching and ducting installation in the footpath from Harwich Road North around to St Andrews Avenue heading west.
- We will be looking to cross Cowdray Avenue this week for the UKPN Utility diversions. This will be done in 3 phase using various lane closures.
- BT/TLU/Morrison's are ongoing with the rebuild of Manhole 6 on St Andrews Avenue and are making good progress. Works on the 2 smaller manholes outside Waitrose are ongoing.