



A133 IPSWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (08.07.2019)



Noteworthy Information

Thanks to careful re-programming by Essex Highways, the planned 5 month closure of Ipswich Road can now be avoided.

Instead, Essex Highways is proposing 2 shorter closures spread over several months.

It is anticipated the scheme will be completed in summer 2020.

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Construction is underway on St Andrews Avenue Eastbound & Ipswich Road North around Waitrose. These phased construction areas have full traffic management in place around the works area to enable the contractor to fully carry out the demolishing and reinstatement of new footpaths and kerbs. The Traffic management will be in place for the duration of that phase.

Ipswich Road South is fully closed with no access in or out. Pedestrians/ Cyclist access is still available

24.06.19 – 20.07.19 to finish the remaining Anglian Water works, Connections and testing etc.

Ipswich Road will Re-open and will remain open until the new year.

Traffic
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08.07.19

- We currently have lane 1 closed on Cowdray Avenue. This is to keep traffic moving safely around site whilst we have 2 construction zones ongoing.
- Traffic has been placed into 1 lane from the Harwich Road compound. The Eastbound traffic from Ipswich Road roundabout to Harwich Road have been put into a mini contraflow into lane 2 of the westbound traffic. This allows us to take the lane on that side for safety and construction zones.
- Ipswich Road North has had lane 1 taken out to allow sufficient safety for Construction zone 1C. This will be in place for the duration of these works. The footpath will be closed for this phase around Waitrose and a pedestrian controlled crossing has been put in place to cross pedestrians/cyclists safely. There is also a colour coded diversion to follow around site dependant on where the public wish to go.

Traffic
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01.07.19.

Ipswich road South is fully closed to traffic. Footpaths in this area will remain open to pedestrians/cyclists. Access remains from the East street area for residents and businesses but there is no access from the Ipswich Road roundabout area.

There has been additional signage placed out on site for Moorside Business Park and Roller world due to the road closure. We have also added a small HGV diversion at Ipswich Road roundabout for large vehicles as the turn may be too tight for them to get around the roundabout. This diversion takes them to Harwich Road and back.

The footpath from Waitrose at St Andrews Gardens to Harwich Road has been closed for the construction phase 1B. All members of the public have been diverted accordingly with colour coded arrows and additional site maps at these locations.

Please see all signage and maps around site for footpath/cycleway closures & pedestrian/cyclist diversions.

Passenger Transport



- The Permanent bus stop shelter on the Ipswich Road North southbound footpath has been suspended and has been removed. A temporary bus stop has been placed prior to the construction zone 70m northwards.
- The Permanent pedestrian controlled lights have been removed on Ipswich Road North and a temporary set have been placed 50m northwards to enable the public to cross safely around the construction works.
- We have also removed the permanent bus stop shelter on St Andrews Avenue Homebase side. This will still be an active stop and will have signage reflecting this.
- The stop on St Andrews Avenue E/B which is currently inside construction zone 1B is currently suspended as passengers cannot access this area.

Passenger Transport

- The Bus stops located on Ipswich road south are suspended as from 24.06.19. This is due to the Ipswich road south road being closed.
- The road will reopen on 21.07.19 where these stops will be serviceable again.



Ipswich Road South road closure from Fenwick Drive up to the Ipswich Road roundabout for Anglian Water.





Ipswich Road South Road Closure For Anglian Water diversionary works and Testing.





Construction zone 1B on St Andrews Avenue



UKPN excavation pits around site. The connections will be completed by the end of the week.



UKPN Excavation pits around site for the cable pulling. These cables will then be connected at a later date.



Ipswich Road South excavations for Anglian Water Diversions.

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Ipswich Road South Anglian Water valves dug out for final testing in this area.

Give way signage added to site to help traffic at the Ipswich road Roundabout junction From St Andrews Avenue west bound approach.





A133 Scheme boards target completion date have been changed around the whole site to Summer 2020.

Works Completed 01.07.19 – 07.07.19.

The Anglian Water Utility diversions have been going well in Ipswich Road South and we have made good progress on this. Next week will see the backfilling of the newly laid pipes but the testing and connection points will remain open.

We Have continued with the reconstruction of zone 1B on the Eastbound side of St Andrews Avenue between Ipswich and Harwich Road roundabouts. This is ongoing and will see the removal of all existing structures and layouts.

We have continued with the reconstruction of zone 1C from Ipswich Road North around the Waitrose section onto St Andrews Avenue. This has seen the removal of existing kerbs and footway and is currently ongoing.

We have had new street lighting columns in Construction zone 1C & 1B positioned and have now removed the old redundant ones from this area. The new columns are live and are currently utilising the old LED heads as to not damage the new ones. These works were completed during various night shifts. The Belisha beacons are also now fixed and working around the site.

UKPN engineers have been on site last week pulling the cables through ready for the connections team who have also been in this week connecting the cables and making them live. These connections have been completed in the Harwich Road/St Andrews Avenue area and we will look to backfill these excavations this week.

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The UKPN excavation pits are completed and will have had all of the connections made. This week will see the backfill and reinstatement of these excavations and we will be looking to trench across Ipswich Road South for UKPN which will be the new feed for the new street lighting that will be erected in this area during the scheme.



We are continuing with construction zone 1C. This is the demolition/construction on Ipswich Road North round to St Andrews Avenue. It is the full length around the Waitrose wall and will see the existing kerb line being moved to allow space for further works. This is ongoing works. The whole area has been cordoned off for public and workforce safety.



The reconstruction phase 1B which is along St Andrews Avenue East from St Andrews Gardens to Harwich Road North is currently ongoing. This will see existing Kerb lines and the road widths change in this area. The whole area has been cordoned off to enable the contractors to work safely in this area.



Ipswich Road South remains closed and works are ongoing in this area for our diversionary works for Anglian Water. Work in this area is on track and going well. Anglian Water have carried out their tests on existing and newly laid pipe and will be on site next week for the last of the connections. This will be once we have completed all other works in this area.

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The Laying of the new Kerb line is expected to commence next week. This will start from the St Andrews Garden area and move along the construction zone in 1B towards Harwich road Roundabout.

Top Bond will continue works inside the Ipswich road south closure for Bore holes. These trial holes are necessary for the Piling Mat construction happening later in the year.