



A133 IPSWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (10.06.2019)



Noteworthy Information

Construction is underway on St Andrews Avenue Eastbound. This phased construction has 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.

The proposed dates for the Ipswich road closure are:

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

20.07.19 – 30.11.19 for the Network Rail piling Mat, Hoarding and retaining wall works.

The duration for this road closure will be 5 months.

Noteworthy Information

We appreciate that the length of time needed for the Ipswich road closure is substantial but it is also essential for these works to be carried out safely. We are currently looking at various options to try to minimize this period of closure.

We have begun the demolishing of kerb lines, footpaths and the carriageway on the Ipswich Road North area by the Waitrose store and round onto St Andrews Avenue at the zebra crossing point. This will enable us to create the space needed for the Anglian Water and piling works on Ipswich Road South. This will run concurrently with the already underway construction on St Andrews Avenue East.

Cllr. Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure will be providing a media update once the piling works start. Date to be confirmed.

**Traffic
management
for week
commencing
10.06.19**

- 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 lane 1 from the Harwich Road compound 100m prior to the Ipswich Road roundabout where it opens to 2 lanes again. 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
management
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commencing
10.06.19 Cont'd**

- The Lane 1 closure has been removed from Harwich road North to the roundabout and traffic can now run in both lanes.
- The footpath along St Andrews Avenue from St David's close to the zebra crossing has been reopened.
- The footpath around the Harwich Road compound has been reinstated onto the footpath instead of in the carriageway.
- The footpath from Waitrose at St Andrews Gardens to Harwich road has been closed for the construction phase. 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.

View of the construction area from Waitrose carpark. Demolition/construction around the Waitrose wall, the existing kerb line is being moved to allow space for further works.



View of the construction area from the Ipswich Road roundabout opposite Waitrose





View of the construction area from outside of the compound around Waitrose



Construction Zone and works area set up from Ipswich Road North around to St Andrews Gardens. Area is fully secured off for safety.



Construction Zone 1B on St Andrews Avenue Eastbound.





Trenching and laying of the UKPN ducting for the remainder of the diversions around the Harwich Road area.

Cowdray Avenue footway partially reopened



St Andrews Avenue footway/cycleway reopened
around the previous gas diversion works.





The Compound on Harwich Road has been moved inwards which has accommodated reopening the main footpath around the compound.



New pedestrian diversion signage to help navigate the construction zones



New Pedestrian diversion signage and site maps to help navigate the construction zones

**New Pedestrian/cyclist diversion on Ipswich Road North.
These have been placed at the temporary pedestrian crossing
just prior to the construction zone.**

- **These New diversions are in place to try to help pedestrians/cyclists to navigate their way around site without then coming across another footway closure. This can be quite frustrating and is something we are always looking to overcome whilst our scheme is underway.**

- **This signage is also accompanied by our already strategically situated footway closure maps.**



Works Completed 03.06.19 – 09.06.19.

- We have continued with the reconstruction of 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 commenced with the reconstruction of the kerb line, footway and road 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 completed backfilling most of the UKPN connection pits around site with only 1 left to do. We have also backfilled most of the remaining Gas excavations around the Harwich road area. This has enabled us to reopen certain footpaths around site.
- We completed the remaining UKPN Diversions in the Harwich Road area and is now ready for the next phase of UKPN excavation pits to be dug ready for them to be cabled and connections made.
- We have completed and reopened the footpath closure on Cowdray avenue leading round to Ipswich road north.
- We have carried out works on the Network Rail boundaries again over the weekend. This was planned vegetation clearance as well as the remaining asbestos removal and litter picking of the area. This was carried out by licensed contractors.

Works
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for Week
Commencing
10.06.19

We will be looking to remove all of the street lighting columns in the construction zones to place them further back into the footway. We will also be looking to remove Belisha beacons from crossing points to enable various construction zones to be set up with the appropriate safety zones.



We have Begun the demolition/construction on Ipswich Road North round to St Andrews Avenue. This 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 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.



We will be looking to disconnect the permanent pedestrian controlled crossing point on Ipswich Road North and Harwich Road North. The Ipswich Road ones will be stored until the area is constructed. The Harwich Road ones will be placed in barrels and located suitably to still be used during the construction phases.



We will be looking to assist BT with some traffic management for night works which will see some further copper cabling and retrieval of old cables.