



A133 IPSWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (19.07.2019)



Noteworthy Information

Due to unexpected technical difficulties that have arisen on the Anglian Water diversions in Ipswich Road South, the road will need to remain closed for a further week.

The new date that the road will reopen will be 27.07.19.

We are not expecting to exceed this further extension and can only apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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 early summer 2020.

Noteworthy Information

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

Ipswich Road will Re-open on 27.07.19 and will remain open until the new year.

Traffic
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22.07.19

- 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.

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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 diversion signage placed out on site for Moorside Business Park and Roller world. 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 request 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 27.07.19 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 excavations for Anglian Water Diversions.



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Anglian
Water Trench
in Ipswich
road south.

Ipswich Road South excavation and reinstatement for UKPN Diversions.



Ipswich Road South excavation and Partial reinstatement of Anglian Water Diversions.





Construction zone 1B on St Andrews Avenue



Construction zone 1B on St Andrews Avenue East.



Construction zone 1B on St Andrews Avenue East



Construction zone 1B on St Andrews Avenue East coming from St Andrews Gardens & Waitrose.



Construction zone 1B St Andrews Avenue East.

BT Openreach working night shifts for the redundant cable recovery.





BT Manhole

Construction zone 1C for the cabling retrieval.

This is in preparation for the full construction of the area.

BT Openreach working night shifts for the cable recovery on Ipswich Road South section.



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Works Completed 08.07.19 – 21.07.19.

The Anglian Water Utility diversions are ongoing. We have had issues with one of the valves that would not shut off completely meaning the works are now delayed until next week. This extra week will see additional testing carried out and notice given to residents affected by the Water cut off to enable the team to make the necessary connections.

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 commenced with the laying of the new Kerb line in this area.

Virgin media have been on site diverting their utilities and are making good progress. Their diversions should be all completed by next week and the areas made good.

Cable recovery was carried out by BT over 2 nights this week. This has seen all of the old cables removed from construction areas so that they can be demolished as part of the new layout in Construction zone 1C

We have carried out the additional UKPN trenching for the utility diversions in Ipswich road South. This will be backfilled this week and will be fully reinstated before Ipswich road south is reopened. The UKPN link pits will also be backfilled by the end of next week.

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The UKPN excavation pits are completed and have had all of the connections made. This week will see the backfill and reinstatement.



We will be continuing with Construction zone 1C. This is the area 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 back 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 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. Kerb laying will continue in this area.



Ipswich road South remains closed for 1 more week. Works are ongoing in this area for diversionary works for Anglian Water. They are having to carry out further tests on existing and newly laid pipe and have pushed back the connection date due to technical difficulties. They will be on site next week for the final connections. This area can then be backfilled and made good ready to be reopened.