



A133 IPSWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (01.05.20)



Noteworthy Information

Eurovia and their contracting personnel will be returning to the Colchester A133 site on Monday 04.05.20. This will see a reduced workforce to begin with. This will ensure that we are able to recommence with vital construction works but also allowing us to maintain the social distancing measures currently set out by the Government during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Press release sent out by ECC

A133 Ipswich Road to Harwich Road improvement works in Colchester plan phased return to work

Main contractor for the scheme, Eurovia, has reviewed the situation and is preparing for a phased return to work in early May. New ways of working and checks that supplier companies can provide materials, equipment and staff, offer the chance to resume some of the work. The phased return will initially focus on work activities which can be done safely while observing social distancing.

This pause in work has allowed Eurovia to fully review each of their method statements and risk assessments to ensure that they reflect the new ways of working which comply with current industry guidance. Additional equipment will be installed including extra welfare facilities, but also more mechanised equipment to support isolated working before the site workforce returns.

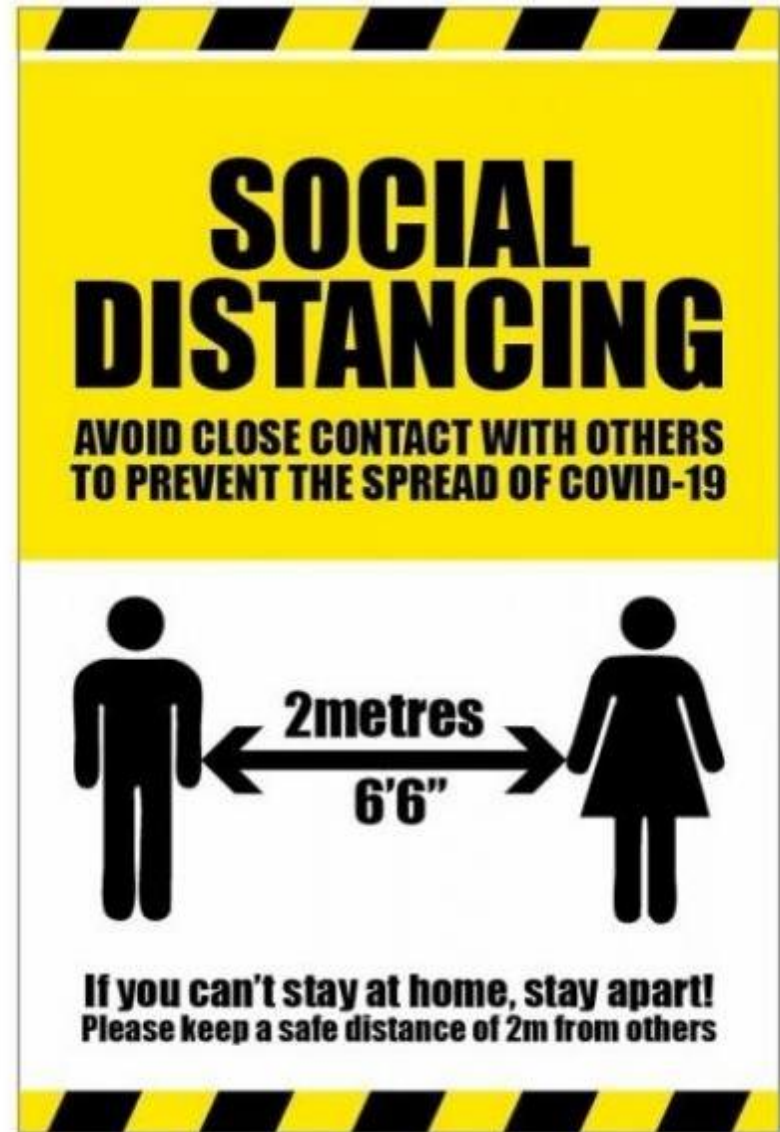
Councillor Kevin Bentley, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, said: “Contractors have absolute responsibility for their staff and the public’s safety and welfare in this current extreme situation, that’s why I supported their decision to suspend work until they could be certain it is safe to resume. I’m pleased on behalf of Colchester residents that work will now continue on this major infrastructure project.”

Further updates will be provide once available. Information about the Ipswich Rd to Harwich Rd scheme in Colchester is described at <http://bit.ly/2rJS3ql>

A message regarding COVID-19

During this current Pandemic that we are all faced with and the impending return of the Eurovia workforce to the Colchester A133 site Could we politely ask that everyone respects the need for social distancing measures ensuring that we stay at least 2m away from each other at all times.

If we could politely ask all members of the public to keep clear from all works activities and areas where possible to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 thus ensuring everyone's safety.



Noteworthy Information

We are continually monitoring all of the traffic management arrangements around the site and are always looking for opportunities to alleviate heavily trafficked areas wherever possible.

Traffic management for week commencing 04.05.20.

Harwich Road South on the approach to the Harwich Road roundabout continues to serve 2 lanes of traffic at the roundabout itself. This helps traffic to filter out of this busy area quite well.

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

We are constantly monitoring ways we can alleviate any heavily congested areas whilst works are ongoing and looking at ways we can improve traffic management set ups.

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Cowdray Avenue has 2 lanes running up to the bridge. At this point we have taken lane 1 out to traffic to accommodate Construction phase 1D. Traffic then has to filter in on the approach to the Ipswich Road roundabout. The pedestrian footpath around Cowdray Avenue to Ipswich Road north is closed and pedestrians can now use the zebra crossing point to cross over and a walkway has been created around the piling area to ensure a safe route through and around these works.

Traffic along St Andrews Avenue Westbound and Eastbound between the 2 roundabouts is currently restricted to 1 lane. The Eastbound section has been left wide enough to help assist with emergency vehicles in getting through this area whilst construction works are in place on the Westbound carriageway.

Ipswich Road North Has been adjusted to accommodate the phase 1D construction works. This currently has been moved in to the kerb line to allow traffic to use the designated Northbound lane

Traffic on Harwich Road North heading Southbound has been adjusted to allow 2 lanes of traffic heading to Harwich Road roundabout. Construction phase 1A has now been completed which has allowed us the space to do this.

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Ipswich Road South Heading northbound is single lane up to the Ipswich Road roundabout. We have created a footpath around the piling works which segregates the traffic and the pedestrians with water filled barrier on one side and Heras fence on the other to keep the workforce and the pedestrians safe. From this point pedestrians can access Cowdray Avenue only. For Ipswich road north they must use the pedestrian crossing point on St Andrews Avenue outside the old Homebase site and walk around Waitrose.

St Andrews Avenue Westbound on the approach to the Harwich Road roundabout has 2 lanes running up to the roundabout. Eastbound traffic is currently running in its designated lane which was previously closed off for construction phase 1A. Traffic is segregated by a line of cones. Both footpaths on either side currently remain open.

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 bus stop on Ipswich Road north heading north has been suspended and has been moved about 50m northwards for passengers. This new temporary bus stop is sign posted and will be in place for about 6 weeks until phase 1D is completed.
- The permanent pedestrian controlled lights have been suspended on Ipswich Road north. A temporary crossing point has been made available further up Ipswich Road
- We have also removed the permanent bus stop shelter on St Andrews Avenue (old) Homebase side. This bus stop has now been closed. This is due to the amount of pedestrians ignoring the signage that the footpath is closed ahead and also to be able to extend the Construction phase 2C.
- The request stop on St Andrews Avenue E/B which is was inside construction zone 1B is currently suspended as there is no bus stop bay or stand.
- All other stops remain active.

Passenger Transport



- Ipswich Road south continues to remain open and running 2 way as normal. all bus operators can now revert back to their original routes allowing passengers to be serviced by the 2 stops located on Ipswich road south NB & SB.

Colchester A133 site Traffic Management layout.



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New Safety fencing erected on Ipswich Road south overbridge by Network Rail.



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Some of our
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Temporary pedestrian crossing outside (old) Homebase on St Andrews Avenue.



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Construction zone 1B.

Barriered off away from vehicles and reopened to foot/Cycle traffic. Pedestrian ramp installed to assist with crossing pedestrians/cyclists.



Uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point at Harwich road South.



Works
Carried out
between
23.03.20 –
01.05.20.

There has been no construction works carried out during this period due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

Essential Maintenance has been carried out during the lockdown period on the A133 Colchester site daily. This was to ensure that the traffic management and site contents/extents were constantly secure and remained in a safe condition for all highway users.