



## A133 IPSWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (04.09.20)



# Noteworthy Information

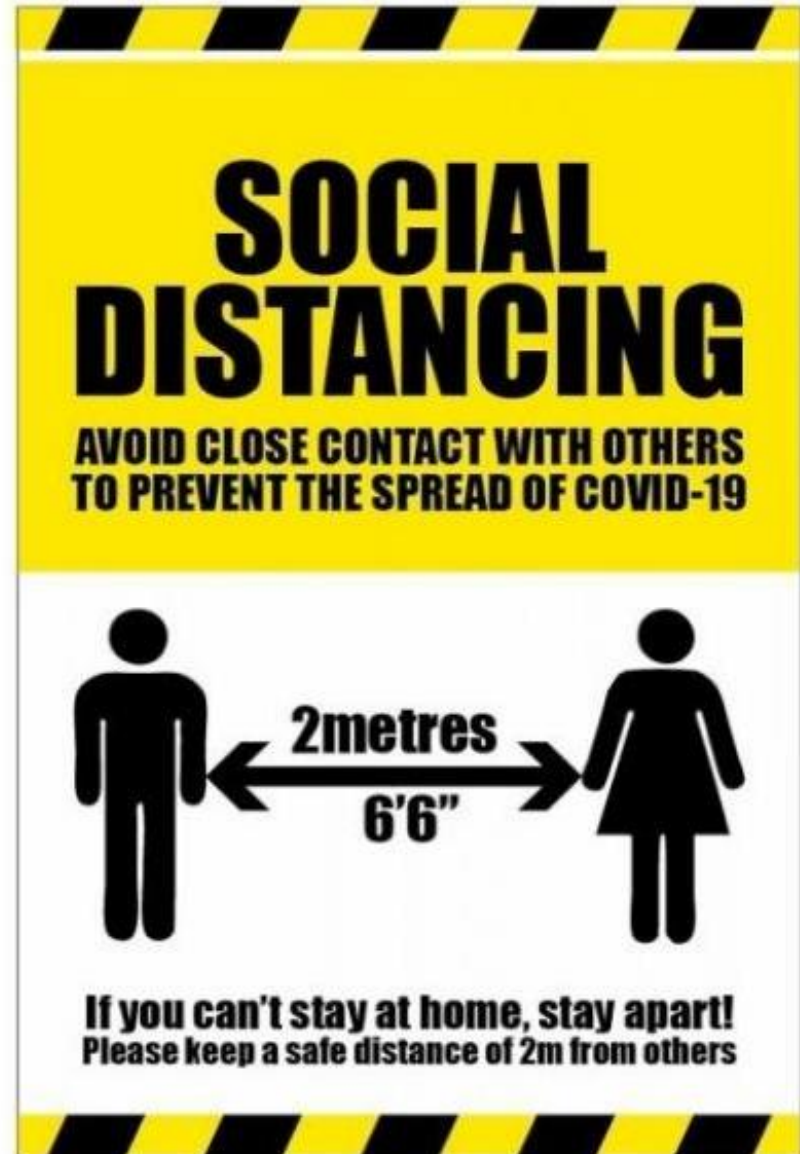
- We have commenced the final resurfacing, permanent line marking and loop cutting to the A133 this week. This was slightly delayed due to adverse weather meaning we could not carry our works during these times. These works started on 02.09.20 for a period of 3 nights. These works are taking place at night between the hours of 20.00 – 05.00 and there are various road closures put in place as well as having other types of traffic management in place to accommodate these works.
- We will be resurfacing the footpaths in all areas from 21.09.20 and this will be carried out at night between the hours of 20.00-05.00. This will be for 1 week and will be carried out with various traffic management arrangements.
- Once we have completed the resurfacing we were looking to reinstall the 1 way traffic system on Ipswich Road South for one more week from the date of 07.09.20. Notice will be given if and when this restriction is needed again.

# Noteworthy Information

- Please note as we complete more areas around site, progress updates will continue to be provided throughout however will be less regular and will focus when significant changes are happening.
- As our works progress and more areas become complete, we will look to reduce the amount of traffic management, fencing and restrictions we have in place where it is safe to do so.

# A message regarding COVID-19

- During this current pandemic that we are all faced with and the 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.



# Traffic management

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Cowdray Avenue has 2 lanes running up to the bridge. This is to help facilitate emergency services travelling through this corridor. It is 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 but an alternative walkway has been provided around these works to get to Ipswich Road. The zebra crossing point on Cowdray Avenue is closed and pedestrians can not get access to the Network Rail side due to the ongoing piling works.

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Traffic along St Andrews Avenue Westbound and Eastbound between the 2 roundabouts is currently restricted to 1 lane each way. This will all be removed once we have completed works. There may be localised lane closures at some times to facilitate other minor works but this should be reduced on a daily basis.

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Ipswich Road North has been adjusted to accommodate the phase 2D piling & construction works and the pedestrian footway around it. This means we have had to reduce the Southbound lane on Ipswich Road north to the Ipswich Road roundabout to 1 lane in order to facilitate all traffic around our works.

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Harwich Road south has 2 lanes on the approach to the Harwich Road roundabout.

Harwich Road north has 2 lanes on the approach to the Harwich Road roundabout.

# Traffic management

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Ipswich Road (south) has had a 1 way restriction put in place. This means that only traffic from Eastgates and East street travelling Northbound can access the Ipswich Road roundabout area. Traffic wishing to travel south will follow the diversion along St Andrews Avenue and down Harwich Road south.

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St Andrews Avenue Westbound on the approach to the Harwich Road roundabout has been reduced to 1 lane up to the roundabout. Eastbound traffic is currently running in its designated lane. Traffic is segregated by a line of cones. The footpath on construction phase 2A has been closed and a set of temporary pedestrian lights have been put in place to facilitate the public wanting to cross over prior to the works on that side.

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Our new compound is currently set up in the Ipswich Road roundabout. Our 2 main welfare areas are located in here and we have installed a pedestrian crossing point for construction workers to cross here safely into the compound.

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The footpath running westbound on St Andrews Avenue on the Waitrose side between St Andrews Gardens and Harwich Road will be reopened tonight and now connects the Harwich Road area to Ipswich road South.

For anyone wishing to access Ipswich Road north and Cowdray Avenue from the (old) Homebase side they will need to cross at the zebra crossing point onto the Waitrose side. This is due to us closing the current pedestrian crossing point in front of Waitrose for the Island reconstruction.

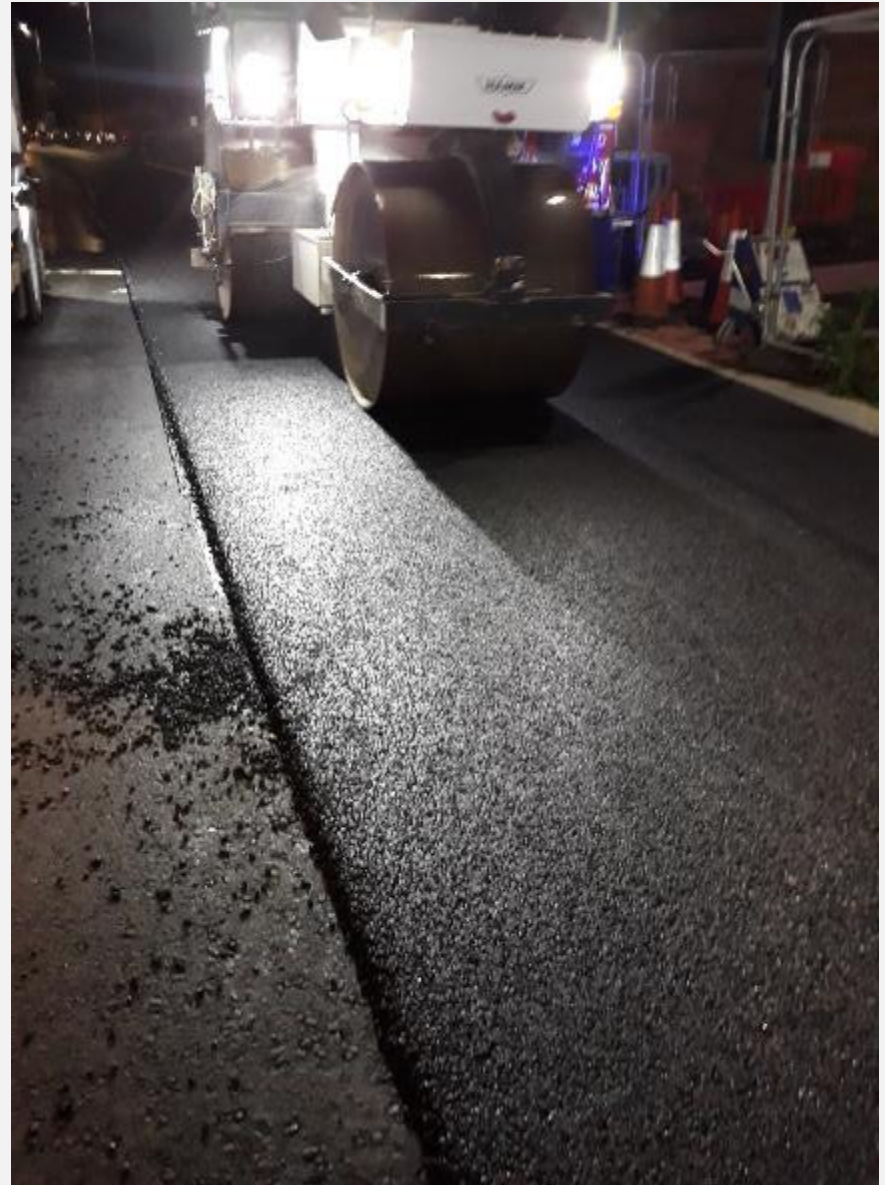


# Passenger Transport



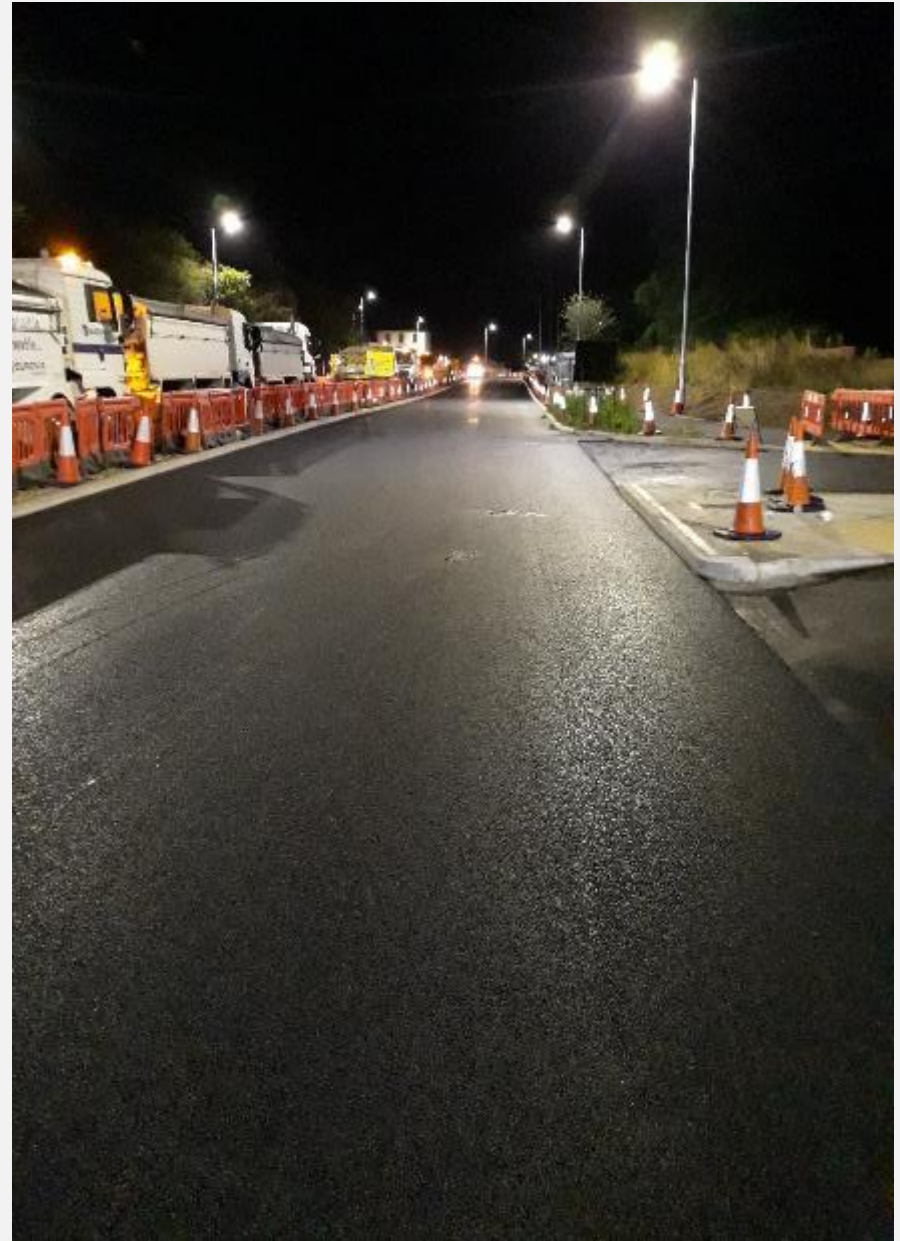
- The permanent bus stop shelter on the Ipswich Road north southbound footpath has been suspended and has been removed. A temporary bus stop has been placed prior to the construction zone 70m northwards.
- The request stop on the (old) Homebase side of St Andrews Avenue westbound has now been reinstated. There is a temporary bus stop sign located here and buses can now service this stop.
- The request stop on St Andrews Avenue east bound which was inside construction zone 1B has now been reinstated. There is a temporary bus stop sign located here and buses can now service this stop.
- All other stops remain active.
- The final resurfacing to surface course from Harwich Road roundabout through to the junction of the Ipswich Road roundabout is now complete.
- Please note the permanent signs for these stops are still awaiting installation hence the temporary signage located here as stated above.

Resurfacing works  
carried out at night on  
the A133 scheme.





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Resurfacing/White lining  
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# Ipswich Road A133 Compound





Network Rail retaining wall works area.



Network Rail  
retaining  
wall  
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# Network Rail retaining wall works





# Pedestrian crossing areas having tactiles laid. St Andrews Avenue.





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# Bus Stops on St Andrews Avenue have been reinstated.





# St Andrews Avenue island construction between Ipswich Road and Harwich Road roundabouts.







St Andrews  
Avenue island  
construction  
between  
Ipswich Road  
and Harwich  
Road  
roundabouts.







# St Andrews Avenue east Island construction.



CCTV column being  
installed on St Andrews  
Avenue/Ipswich Road  
south Jct.





Additional signage for  
Roller World and  
Moorside Business park  
on Ipswich Road north  
and Cowdray Avenue.







Additional signage  
for Roller World  
and Moorside  
Business park on  
Harwich Road  
north and St  
Andrews Avenue.





Cowdray Avenue  
dedicated lane  
signage on the  
approach to the  
Ipswich Road  
roundabout placed  
in a more prominent  
location so it can be  
seen by all road  
users.







Some of our  
bespoke  
respect the  
workforce  
signage that  
we have  
erected  
around site.

## Planned Works

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Works in construction zone 2A on St Andrews Avenue East to the Harwich road roundabout is continuing. We are currently reconstructing the footpath and Hard standing area here.

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Works between construction zones 2B & 2C from Harwich Road roundabout to the Ipswich Road roundabout in the centre island is ongoing. The carriageway between the roundabouts has been fully resurfaced and white lined. We are due to complete the loop cutting for the traffic signals this week.

The centre island has yet to be surfaced fully and the centre rail for the entirety of the island has yet to be installed.

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Works are continuing on the pedestrian crossing areas around site. These areas are currently having traffic signals installed and connected. We will have various other contractors on site next week installing permanent signage to the scheme.

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Works in construction zone 2D are ongoing. Top bond are on site and are continuing to excavate and reconstruct this area around the piles. This has involved breaking out/exposing the piles whilst also progressing with the retaining wall build. The ironwork formation is ongoing and progress is good in this area.

Works in construction 1D are due to commence next week. This will see existing kerb lines removed and new kerbs laid. The footpath in this area will be fully reconstructed.



## Completed Works

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Works in construction zone 2A on St Andrews Avenue are ongoing. New Kerbs and edgings have been laid and the hard standing area outside of the properties is almost complete. We have also completed the Island construction in this area as well as having the traffic signals installed not only in the central island but to the opposite sides of the crossing itself within the footpath. These have not yet been commissioned. The area of works is currently Heras fenced off with access being maintained for local residents at all times.

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Construction to the central island along St Andrews Avenue between the Harwich Road roundabout and the Ipswich Road roundabout is complete. This area has seen new kerbs laid, traffic signals being installed and tactile kerbs being laid. We have laid asphalt to the crossing areas themselves but are still yet to finish the asphaltting along the whole of this section. This will be completed by the end of the month when the resurfacing team return to complete the footpath surface course.

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We have continued laying and constructing the new tactile areas at crossing points around the scheme and this works is ongoing.

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We have laid asphalt to the carriageway in between the Harwich Road & Ipswich Road roundabouts. The (old) Homebase bell mouth, St Andrews Gardens and half of Harwich Road roundabout has also had the final layers of asphalt laid. The white lining in this area is completed along the main carriageway with a few minor sections to be completed in the junctions themselves.

## Completed Works

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We have been laying new ducting and installing ducting chambers throughout the centre island construction. This is for the pedestrian controlled crossing points to be installed and the cables connected to them. This area in the centre of St Andrews Avenue is really starting to take shape and really gives an excellent visual of how this section will look once it is all completed.

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We have completed a lot of the electrical works and installations throughout the site. New lamp columns and street furniture has been installed by our electrical contracting team as all of this equipment has required a connection to it.

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We commenced with the final surface course asphaltting to the scheme last week but were unable to complete this fully due to adverse weather. This is being completed this week under road closures and traffic lights and local diversions will be in place. By Friday night we will have completed all of the surfacing and white lining as well as installation of the traffic signal loops from St Andrews Avenue through to the Ipswich Road roundabout.

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The retaining wall works is going well and is making good progress. We have returned Ipswich Road south to 2 way traffic as we do not currently need the space. We will however return to this section briefly in order to complete our works. We envisage this taking a week during which time we will have to implement the 1 way system on Ipswich road south again.