



A133 IPSWICH ROAD / HARWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (05.08.20)

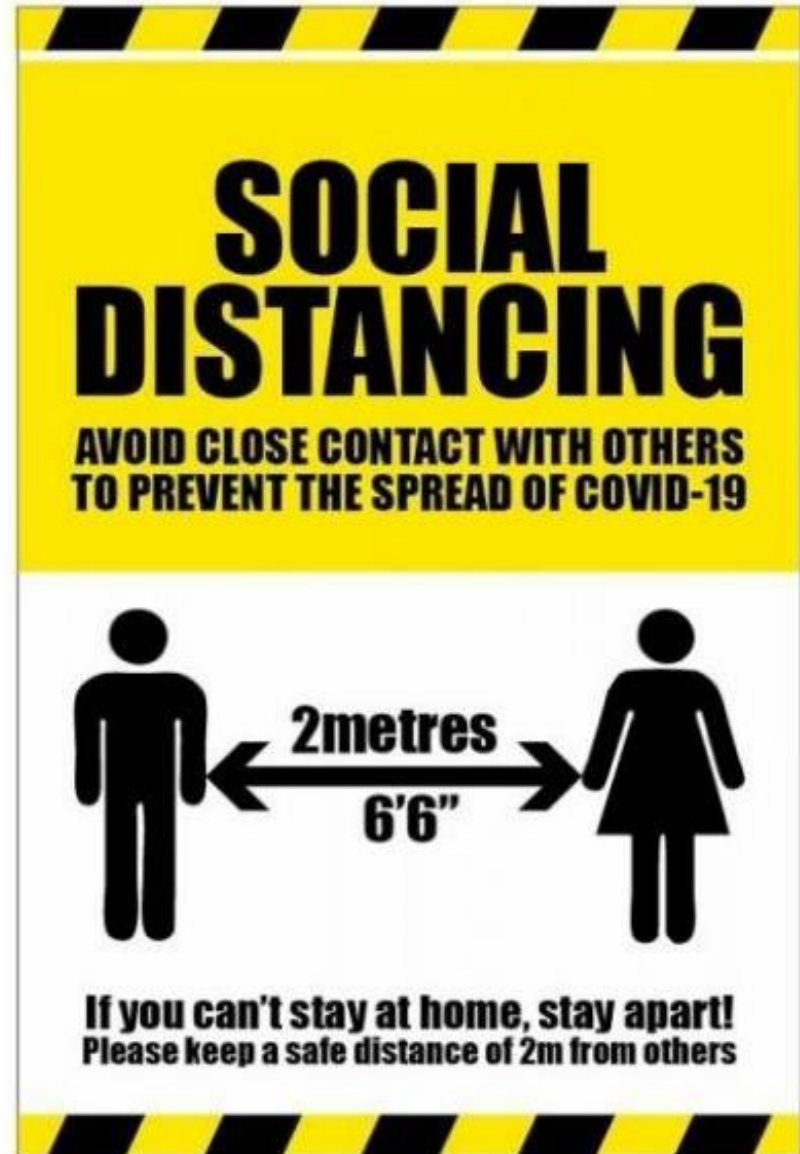


Noteworthy Information

- We will be looking to commence the final resurfacing and permanent line marking from 24.08.20 for a period of 1 week. These works will be taking place at night between the hours of 20.00 – 05.00 and there will be various road closures put in place as well as having other types of traffic management in place to accommodate these works. Whilst these works take place at night we will have removed the current one way system on Ipswich Road south to enable traffic to be diverted safely and accordingly in both directions.
- Once we have completed the resurfacing we will reinstall the 1 way traffic system for one more week to the date of 07.09.20.
- We now have a 1 way traffic restriction in place on Ipswich Road south from 03.08.20 for a period of 5 weeks to 07.09.20 although this will be lifted for 1 week as per the above resurfacing works note. Whilst this restriction is in place, traffic will be able to flow from East Street up Ipswich Road south and able to access the Ipswich Road roundabout and all other areas. Northbound traffic will be diverted via Harwich Road south. This is to enable the Network Rail retaining wall works to continue on the southern section.

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 safeguarding everyone's safety.



Traffic management

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.

Traffic along St Andrews Avenue Westbound and Eastbound between the 2 roundabouts is currently restricted to 1 lane each way.

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.

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

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

Traffic management

Ipswich Road 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 now have to follow the diversion along St Andrews Avenue and down Harwich Road south.

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.

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.

The footpath running west bound on St Andrews Avenue past (old) Homebase has been reopened 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.
- We have also removed the permanent bus stop shelter on St Andrews Avenue (old) Homebase side. This bus stop has now been closed for construction phase 2B.
- The request stop on St Andrews Avenue E/B which was inside construction zone 1B is currently suspended as there is no bus stop bay or stand.
- All other stops remain active.
- The resurfacing to base course from Harwich Road through to the junction of the Ipswich Road roundabout is now complete.
- A 1 way traffic restriction is now in place on Ipswich Road south from 03.08.20 for a period of 5 weeks. Traffic will be able to flow from East Street up Ipswich Road south and able to access the Ipswich Road roundabout and all other areas. Northbound traffic will be diverted via Harwich Road south.



Ipswich Road A133
compound



Network Rail retaining wall
works area.

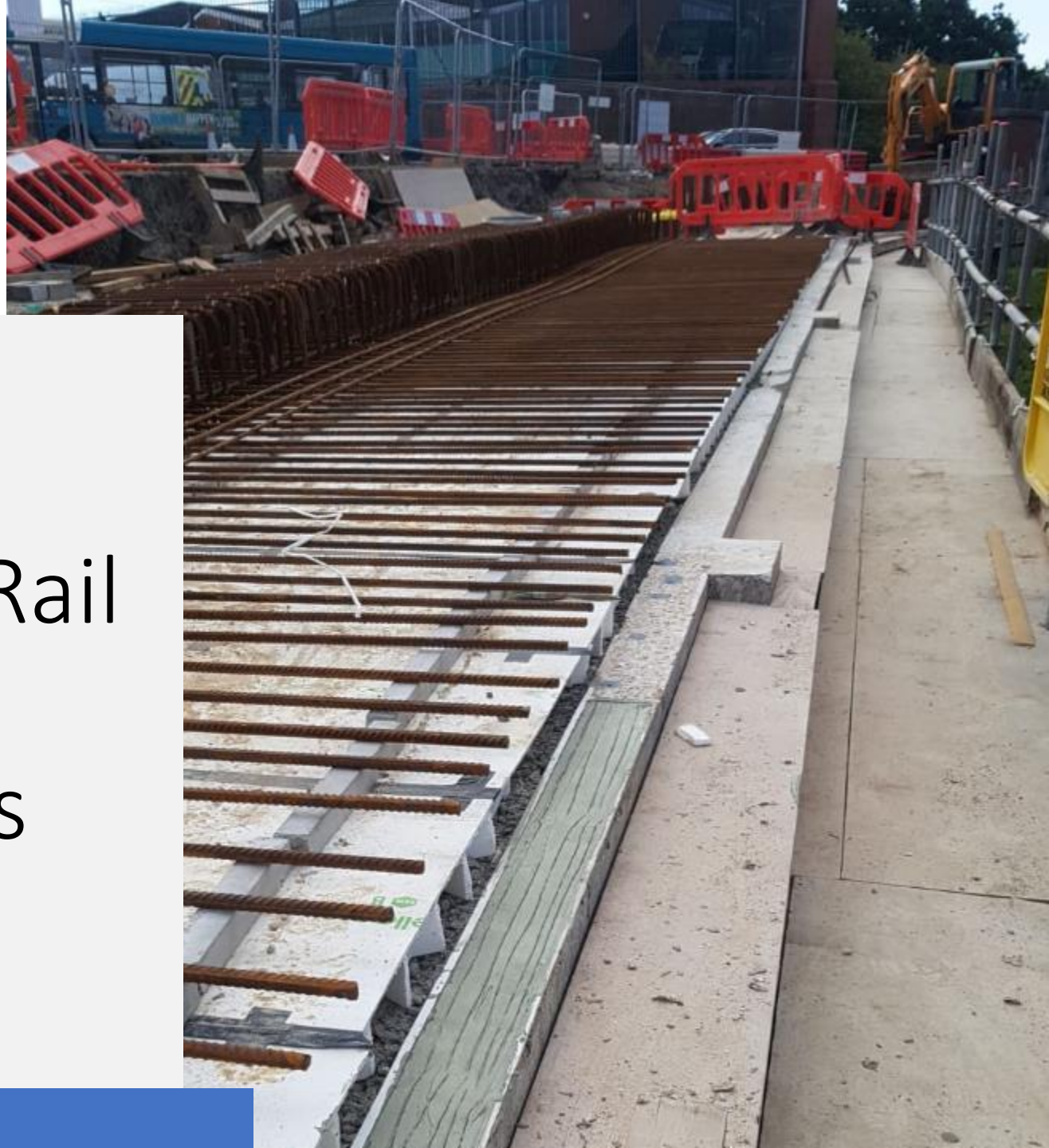
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Pedestrian crossing areas having tactiles laid



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





St Andrews Avenue island
construction between
Ipswich Road and Harwich
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St Andrews Avenue east Island Construction.



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.

Completed Works

Works in Construction zone 2A on St Andrews Avenue are ongoing. Here we have seen the removal of some of the old footway, edgings and embankments and have started to make good progress on the new hard standing area for the residents that live here. The area of works are currently Heras fenced off with access being maintained for local residents at all times.

We have begun construction to the central island along St Andrews Avenue between the Harwich Road roundabout and the Ipswich Road roundabout. Progress is good in this area and has seen new kerbs being laid as well as tactiles being laid for the new crossing points along this section.

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

We have laid asphalt to the footpath heading westbound along the (old) Homebase side of St Andrews Avenue. This has been completed up to the bell mouth junction of (old) Homebase. In light of this we have now reopened the footpath along this section to create a more free flow area for pedestrians and cyclists alike. Please note that the footpaths that have been laid to asphalt are only to base course.

Completed Works

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.

We have continued to reduce the amount of materials and unnecessary equipment throughout the site.

You will now notice around the site we have replaced traffic management barriers in previous areas with traffic cones and as we complete areas of construction we will look to remove these where possible to improve traffic flows through this area.

The westbound footpath on the (old) Homebase side has seen materials moved and the area tidied to complete the last section of the footpath. This will enable pedestrians and cyclists to utilize this area from Harwich Road through to Ipswich road south.

Our new compound is now within the Ipswich Road roundabout. This is due to the amount of space left on site being reduced each time we complete an area. We currently have 2 gates to access this area and a set of pedestrian lights for construction workers use only. This is to aid their safe crossing to and from the compound.

The retaining wall works is going well and is making good progress. We have adjusted the traffic management on Ipswich Road south in order to accommodate the southern part of the works . This space is needed for safety as the machines being used to excavate and lift materials will be in the carriageway.

We have implemented a one way system which is currently allowing traffic to flow in a northerly direction up to the Ipswich Road roundabout.

Planned Works

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 areas here as well as reconstructing some drainage through this area.

Works between construction zones 2B & 2C from Harwich Road roundabout to the Ipswich Road roundabout in the centre island is ongoing. Whilst this area has been resurfaced to base course level a channel has been left in the centre for the construction of the Island along St Andrews Avenue for the separation of traffic and the pedestrian crossings. We have also began the centre island construction on the east side of the Harwich Road roundabout in St Andrews Avenue.

Works are continuing on the pedestrian crossing areas around site. These areas are currently seeing new tactiles being laid and being made good ready for the permanent signals to be installed on specific crossings. Once these have been installed they can be connected.

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.