



A133 IPSWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (10.02.20)









Noteworthy Information

Ipswich Road South is closed until 24.02.20 This is for the Network Rail piling works taking place in this area. This is a major operational part of the scheme and therefore ask for the public to be patient whilst these vital works take place. We are continually monitoring 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 10.02.20

Cowdray Avenue continues to have a lane 2 restriction in place to allow the traffic from the Ipswich roundabout heading down Cowdray Avenue to filter through safely around the piling works area. We are awaiting signage that will dictate the use of the lanes. This will hopefully allow us to open up the lane 2 section to emergency vehicles only to help alleviate response times.

Traffic along St Andrews Avenue westbound between the 2 roundabouts has seen the construction zone fencing moved back out into what was lane 1 which leaves lane 2 running through this section to the Ipswich Road roundabout.

Ipswich Road North has seen lane 2 reinstated past the pedestrian crossing. This now means traffic can filter into 2 lanes. The left hand lane is for St Andrews Avenue and the right hand lane is for Cowdray Avenue. Traffic on Harwich Road North heading southbound has seen the construction zone pulled out into lane 1 again which means that we have lane 2 currently running on the approach to the Harwich Road roundabout.

<u>Traffic</u> <u>management</u> <u>for week</u> <u>commencing</u> <u>10.02.20</u>

We currently have Ipswich Road South closed for the Network Rail piling works. This section is closed from Fenwick Drive to the Ipswich Road roundabout. The Ipswich Road roundabout has been downsized to allow room for the piling works and associated equipment to be set out inside the road closure. This means all other approaches apart from Ipswich Road North to the roundabout have been restricted to 1 lane.

We have now re-opened Ipswich Road roundabout. We have installed all approach signage and new road layout signage indicating that this is now a roundabout again. Traffic conditions seem to have improved and we have been monitoring this area closely with no issues.

The original footpath diversion around the Network Rail piling works has been closed from the Cowdray Avenue zebra crossing and from Fenwick Drive. We have diverted all pedestrians onto the footpath around the old Homebase site. Tarmac has been insalled to allow pedestrians to use this route around the works to reach all other roads and areas on site. At the Homebase entrance we have Implemented a new pedestrian controlled crossing point which seems to be working well.

Traffic management for week commencing 10.02.20.

St Andrews Avenue Westbound on the approach to Harwich Road roundabout has seen traffic on the approach to the roundabout reduced to 1 lane. This is due to the ongoing works in construction phase 1A and the need to push out the works area resulting in the lane 2 approach being restricted and used for traffic coming from other approaches.

Harwich Road south on the approach to the Harwich road roundabout has seen a lane 1 closure put into force as we continue with construction phase 1A. Lane 2 continues to operate as normal.

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 now been reinstated on Ipswich Road north. We have not been able to reinstate the permanent bus stop at this location due to traffic management being in place and carriageway levels being insufficient for access.
- We have also removed the Permanent bus stop shelter on St Andrews Avenue 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



- The bus stops on Ipswich Road south have been closed whilst the Ipswich road piling works are in place. Diverted bus stops are on East street prior to the East gates level crossing and on Harwich road heading South prior to the East gates level crossing and Green stead Road.
- Notices have been put on all affected stops detailing to passengers where they can go to meet the diverted buses.



Ipswich road South closed from Fenwick drive up to Ipswich road roundabout.

Ipswich road South closure for the piling works and traffic management layout.



Ipswich road roundabout reopening. Traffic management layout.



Ipswich Road roundabout has been re-opened to a fully functional roundabout.



Ipswich Road roundabout Re-opened.



Ipswich Road roundabout re-opened. New signage is in place notifying road users of the change in layout.



<u>Construction phase 2C on St Andrews Avenue.</u> Excavating the new Kerb line ready for kerbs to be <u>laid.</u>





Backfilling of sub-structure layers in construction phase 2C on St Andrews Avenue.





Backfilling of sub-structure layers in construction phase 1A on St Andrews Avenue.





Various other manhole and utility works in construction phase 1A on St Andrews Avenue.







<u>Construction</u> <u>phase 2B St</u> <u>Andrews</u> <u>Avenue.</u>

Stormy weather takes its toll on A133 site. All rectified straight away and all areas made safe.





<u>New temporary pedestrian crossing outside</u> <u>Homebase on St Andrews Avenue.</u>



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Construction zone 1A. North East corner of Harwich Road. Footpath closed off to the public to allow for the construction of this area.



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<u>Construction zone 1B. Harwich Road</u> Barriered off away from vehicles and reopened to foot/Cycle traffic. Pedestrian ramp installed to assist with crossing pedestrians/cyclists.





Reinstated Pedestrian crossing point on Ipswich Road North.





<u>Temporary pedestrian controlled crossing point on</u> <u>Harwich Road North.</u>

Uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point at Harwich Road South.



<u>Works</u> <u>Carried out</u> <u>between</u> 03.02.20 – 09.02.20. Works are ongoing in construction phase 2C. We have carried out a lot of the sub structure reinstatement in this section and will be commencing with the laying of the new Kerb line.

Works have been ongoing in construction phase 2B. Contractors have continued with the excavation of this area as well as the sub-structure backfilling ready for the Kerb line to be laid.

Contractors continue works on the piling to the Network Rail retaining wall for the widening of this section as well as lay the foundations for the strengthening of the wall. Works are ongoing and are going well.

Works in construction phase 1A have recommenced. This has seen the Sub-structure layers laid and works is ongoing in this area.