



A133 IPSWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (11.03.2019)



Noteworthy Information

- We have had to fully close Ipswich Road South due to safety issues. These issues related to traffic ignoring all of the advance warning signs prior to the closure and at the point of the closure. They then put themselves, the public and the workforce in danger by driving on the wrong side of the road up the open section to the Ipswich Road roundabout causing traffic to stop and avoid this dangerous act of driving.
- The road is now fully closed until 15.03.19
- The Colchester Half Marathon is taking place this month on the 24.03.19 which is a Sunday. This event will be making its way through our works and we are working closely with the council to make sure this event runs smoothly. Eurovia are helping out with some of the traffic management needs for this event as a small contribution to the local community whilst our works are taking place in the area.

Road Closures

- The current proposed location and dates for the closures are detailed below:
- Ipswich Road, Colchester on both sides of the carriageway between Fenwick Drive and the Ipswich Road roundabout, a distance of approximately 70m. 18 February 2019 –15 March 2019
- Harwich Road, Colchester on both sides of the carriageway from the Junction of Greenstead Road in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 190m to its junction with the Harwich Road roundabouts. 1 April 2019 – 22 April 2019

Traffic management for week commencing 11.03.19

- The footpath around Waitrose from Ipswich Road North to St Andrews Avenue has been adjusted to accommodate the pedestrians whilst the UKPN/BT crossings across Ipswich Road North are taking place. We will be completing these crossings in 3 phases via various lane closures across the road with these utilities.
- Cowdray Avenue will see a lane closure up to the Ipswich road roundabout to allow for the UKPN/BT crossings to be carried out safely
- There is a remaining lane closure in place from the Harwich Road compound to the BT compound area where traffic is then switched into one lane at the roundabout to accommodate the Anglian Water works.
- The footpath around the Harwich Road compound is open and we have the temporary pedestrian controlled crossing in place on St Andrews Avenue. We have pushed out the walkway to allow the space for pedestrians to navigate this area.

Traffic management for week commencing 11.03.19

- The footpath around the north east corner of Harwich Road is half open to allow pedestrians and cyclists to pass by the works that have already taken place.
- We have started to cross the new gas pipe across St Andrews Avenue in 3 phases under Various lane closures. This is still ongoing.
- All other Traffic management and signage will remain in place.



Ipswich Road South - Full closure





**Ipswich Road closure
reinforcement to
prevent traffic from
entering the closure**



Ipswich Road roundabout Anglian Water
Trenching



**Ipswich Road
roundabout
Trenching for
Anglian Water
connections**



Ipswich Road Anglian Water works

Manhole 6 – St Andrews Avenue



Manhole 6 – St Andrews Avenue





St Andrews Avenue East
gas Trenching



St Andrews Avenue gas trenching & ducting
across the carriageway



Pedestrian crossing on St
Andrews Avenue is still in
use

Footpaths and crossings remain open during works

Ipswich Road South



St Andrews Avenue Zebra crossing point





**Ipswich Road roundabout traffic management
change to allow space for Anglian Water**

Works Completed 04.03.2019 – 10.03.19

- Anglian Water works are ongoing in Ipswich Road South. We started digging inside the Ipswich Road roundabout to find existing mains and make connections. We will be backfilling, making good and adjusting the traffic management to accommodate further works.
- We have trenched and ducted across one lane on St Andrews Avenue East from Harwich Road roundabout for the gas diversion. Works have proved difficult in this area and are ongoing across the carriageway.
- The UKPN/BT trenches and ducting have been dug & laid from Waitrose across the pathway and into the carriageway on Ipswich Road North. This is ongoing. The footpath around these works was adjusted to allow pedestrians to use this walkway.
- New gas pipe has been laid and connected in the north east Harwich Road footpath closure just prior to St Andrews Avenue zebra crossing point.
- Manhole 5 is complete. There is a small compound still there but the area has been reduced and made good. Manhole 6 works have resumed after Temporary works issues were resolved. There is good progress on this.

Works Programmed for Week Commencing 11.03.19

- Anglian Water works continue both within the road closure itself and the roundabout. This is to excavate, lay pipe and make new connections. Anglian Water representatives will be on site to lay pipe and test it.
- We will be laying ducting for UKPN/BT across Ipswich Road North. This is still ongoing and we anticipate it will be accomplished this week.
- We will be trenching and laying ducting across St Andrews Avenue for the gas main. This is still ongoing to cross the carriageway.
- BT have commenced with the rebuild of Manhole 6 on St Andrews Avenue and are making good progress.