



A133 IPSWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (11.11.2019)



Noteworthy Information

Ipswich Road South is due to be closed from 05.01.2020 for a period of 6 weeks. This will be for the piling works taking place in this area.

The Hoarding works on the Network Rail side of Ipswich road roundabout is expected to start on 17th November. These works will be carried out at weekends and during the night. The traffic management will be installed and removed nightly. There are no more planned road closures until January.

Noteworthy Information

Since we have lifted the restrictions to traffic on Ipswich road North and Cowdray Avenue as well as making 2 lanes around the Ipswich road roundabout we have seen a dramatic change in the flows and amount of traffic in this area. Although the traffic is still there it appears to be navigating through this area a lot more quickly and with more ease.

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Cowdray Avenue remains fully open with 2 lanes running up to the Ipswich road roundabout.

Traffic along St Andrews Avenue between the 2 roundabouts continues to see lane restrictions for safety reasons and to maintain the constant traffic flow. The lanes have however been made wider in order for traffic including cyclists to navigate through this area.

Ipswich Road North has seen traffic management reduced to enable 2 lanes to be reopened. This has dramatically improved the traffic flows in this area. Ipswich road roundabout remains unrestricted with 2 lanes running around it.

Traffic on Harwich road North heading Southbound is put into lane 2 on the lead up to the roundabout itself. This is for construction phase 1A. This closure then goes Eastwards along St Andrews avenue which has given us the room for this phase. Traffic remains restricted to 1 lane each way in this section.

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St Andrews Avenue will see traffic travelling Eastbound moved into lane 1 around Waitrose and along to Harwich Road roundabout, and traffic moving Westbound has been moved over into the center of the road to create space for construction zone 2C slightly further ahead.

The westbound footpath from the Harwich road roundabout around Homebase to Ipswich Road South and the reverse is currently closed. This is for construction phase 2C. The official diversion is the opposite side of the road where the footpaths have been resurfaced and reopened to the public. From here all pedestrians/cyclists can access Waitrose, Ipswich Road North, Cowdray Avenue and by going around the roundabouts footpaths they can also get to Ipswich Road south.

The footpath from Ipswich Road South heading Northwards is currently closed for Phase 2C. The diversion for anyone wanting to get to Ipswich Road and Harwich Road is currently around the Ipswich Road roundabout and along St Andrews Avenue on the Waitrose side.

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 removed on Ipswich Road north and a temporary set have been placed 50m northwards to enable the public to cross safely around the construction works.
- We have also removed the permanent bus stop shelter on St Andrews Avenue Homebase side. This will still be an active stop and will have signage reflecting this. This stop remains open.
- 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.

Construction zone 2C – St Andrews Avenue/Ipswich Road South



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Construction
zone 2C
Traffic
management
in place on
approach to
Ipswich Road
roundabout.



Traffic
management
in place on
Ipswich road
roundabout to
facilitate the
removal of the
lamp columns.



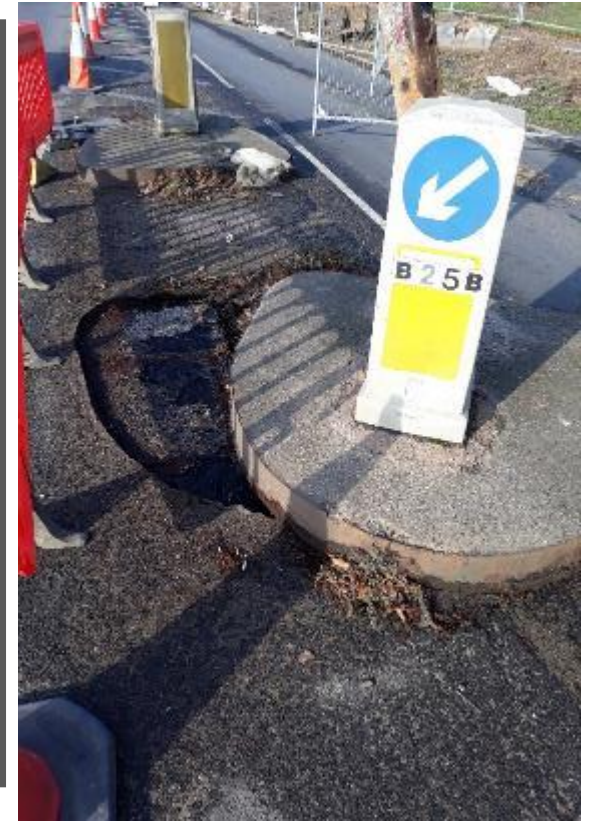
Contractors carrying out disconnections and removals of lamp columns on Ipswich road roundabout.



2 Way Traffic
light set up for
Traffic Island
removal on St
Andrews
Avenue East of
Harwich road
roundabout.



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roundabout.



Contractors carrying out disconnections and removals of
Traffic Islands on St Andrews avenue.

Construction
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Harwich
road north.



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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.



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

Construction zone 1B.

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





Temporary pedestrian controlled crossing point on
Harwich Road North.

Uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point at Harwich Road South.



Works Completed 04.11.19 – 11.11.19.

Works are ongoing in construction phase 2C. We have continued with our dig out in this area and are backfilling sub layers in preparation for the construction of the new kerb line and road.

Works are ongoing in construction phase 1A. We have continued with and are still continuing with our dig out of this area for the new kerb line and road. We have to take care in this area as there are a lot of known services which requires hand digging in some parts.

Works continued on Sunday 10.11.19. This saw various activities being undertaken. We had crews in from ELS to disconnect and remove existing lamp columns from Ipswich Road roundabout on the network rail side and lamp columns from construction zone 1A. They also disconnected and removed Belisha beacons from this area. This was to enable our works to continue.

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Works continued on Sunday 10.11.19. Our main contractor carried out a trial hole in the carriageway of Ipswich Road roundabout on the Waitrose side. This was to locate BT ducting to ascertain why cables could not pass through their newly laid duct. We also removed the central traffic island on St Andrews Avenue East of Harwich road roundabout. This again was for continuing works in construction phase 1A. This will allow us to extend our current works area whilst maintaining traffic flows in both directions.

Works Programmed for Week Commencing 11.11.19

Construction in Phase 2C has commenced around the Homebase corner at the junction of Ipswich Road south and St Andrews Avenue and will be ongoing until Christmas. This is also to enable us to create space for the Network Rail piling works in this area which will commence in the New year.

Various other tasks will be happening around site whilst we have these 2 construction areas underway. We have reinstalled the pedestrian lights on Ipswich Road North and will be looking to have these reinstated and fully working this week. This will enable us to take away the temporary crossing point further up. We will be looking to tarmac areas in need of attention including the drainage trench in Ipswich Road roundabout and the traffic islands we have removed from St Andrewes Avenue.

The Network Rail hoarding works will begin this weekend. This will see traffic management installed on a nightly basis to facilitate these works. These works will continue over the next 5 weekends and will all take place overnight which will lessen the impact on traffic during the day.

We will be continuing with construction zone 1A. The works here are well underway and we have been excavating this area to make way for the new kerb lines and edgings to be installed. We have removed the central traffic island in this area to allow us to extend the works area and also maintain traffic flows. These works are ongoing and have seen the area cordoned off securely for everyone's safety.