A133 IPSWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (14.10.2019)
The hoarding works on the Network Rail side of Ipswich Road roundabout is now expected to start around mid November. These works will be carried out at weekends and during the night. The traffic management will be installed and removed nightly. There are currently no more planned road closures until the new year.

We have commenced with the reconstruction in construction zone 1A on the corner of Harwich Road north. Currently we have been excavating this area and plotting new kerb lines. We have to take care in this area as there are a lot of shallow services needing to be uncovered meaning hand dig in a lot of areas. There is a suitable diversion in place for all Pedestrians/Cyclists around these works.
Traffic management for week commencing 30.09.19

We currently have lane 1 closed on Cowdray Avenue. This is to keep traffic moving safely around site and onto the Ipswich Road roundabout as this is currently reduced. This type of traffic management keeps both the travelling public and the workforce safe whilst also trying to utilise the space available on site in these construction zones.

Traffic will be moved into lane 1 heading Northbound up Harwich Road north. This will allow us to then implement a lane 1 closure heading south on Harwich Road north to the Harwich Road roundabout for the construction phase 1A. 2 way traffic will be maintained in this area and pedestrians/cyclists will still have a safe route around the works.

Ipswich Road North has had lane 1 taken out to allow sufficient safety for construction zone 1C. This will be in place for the duration of these works. The footpath is closed for this phase around Waitrose and a pedestrian controlled crossing has been put in place to cross pedestrians/cyclists safely. There is also a colour coded diversion to follow around site dependant on where the public wish to go.
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St Andrews Avenue continues to see traffic reduced to 1 lane in both directions. This traffic management is in place due to the Construction zone 1B.

The westbound footpath around Homebase from St Andrews Avenue to Ipswich Road south and the reverse is currently closed. This is for the continuing BT/TLU works taking place there. The official diversion will be via East Street and Harwich Road south for anyone going to and from the town Centre. Signage will be in place for this.

The footpath from Waitrose at St Andrews Gardens to Harwich road has been closed for the construction phase 1B. All members of the public have been diverted accordingly with colour coded arrows and additional site maps at these locations.

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.
- The stop on St Andrews Avenue E/B which is currently inside construction zone 1B is currently suspended as passengers cannot access this area.
- All other stops remain active.
Construction zone 1C outside Waitrose. Ipswich Road North round to St Andrews Avenue
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Construction zone 1C
Extension to scheme extent.
Ipswich Road North round to St Andrews Avenue
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. Excavations begin in this area. Harwich Road north
Construction zone 1A – St Andrew’s avenue/Harwich road north. Excavations begin.
Construction zone 1A. Harwich Road north
Construction zone 1A.
Harwich Road north
Construction zone 1B.
Barri ered 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.
We will be continuing with construction zone 1C. This is the area on Ipswich Road North round to St Andrews Avenue. It is the full length around the Waitrose wall and will see the existing kerb line being moved back to allow space for further works. This is area will see the start of the carriageway resurfacing to base level and The whole area has been cordoned off for public and workforce safety.

Construction of BT Manhole 7 will continue this week. The footpath in this area will be closed for 1 week whilst other works relating to the BT works are undertaken in this area. A suitable diversion is in place for these works. The diversion is via Harwich Road south, across the East gates level crossing and then up Ipswich Road south.

The reconstruction phase 1B which is along St Andrews Avenue East from St Andrews Gardens to Harwich Road North is currently sectioned off to traffic until a time that this area is needed to run traffic on it.
We have continued with the reconstruction of zone 1B on the Eastbound side of St Andrews Avenue between Ipswich and Harwich Road roundabouts. The resurfacing of the carriageway to base level is complete and we have resurfaced a section of footpath to base level and have completed the edging kerbs. This is to enable us to reopen this section to be able to move on to another section for reconstruction.

The construction of the BT manhole 7 on the corner of Ipswich Road south and St Andrews Avenue on the Homebase side is ongoing. We are making good progress on this and is expected to take around 2 more weeks. This week will see the 3 lid chamber further down the footpath reduced to a 2 lid chamber. The BT cables can then be channeled into the new Manhole.

We have continued with the reconstruction in construction zone 1C outside of Waitrose. Currently we have been reinstating the layers of carriageway that were excavated up to base level. We have commenced with the laying of the new kerb line and have made substantial progress on this. We have extended on both corners on 1C up to the Waitrose entrance on St Andrews Gardens and just past the ramp on Ipswich Road north. Access can still be gained via both directions by Pedestrians and cyclists. This week will see the start of the asphalting to the carriageway and works are ongoing in this area.