A133 IPSWICH ROAD SCHEME

COMMUNICATION UPDATE (28.10.2019)
Noteworthy Information

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.

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.
Traffic management for week commencing 28.10.19

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 also. 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. Once we have trenched across the roundabout for the new drainage connections we will look to open this back up to 2 lanes.

Traffic has been moved and continues to travel in 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 will see Traffic moved into lane 1 southbound this week. We will still have the lanes reduced to 1 lane for the time being whilst we continue with the drainage trenching across the roundabout. Once this is completed we will then look to open up Ipswich road back to 2 lanes running southbound to the roundabout and around the roundabout itself.
Traffic management for week commencing 28.10.19.

St Andrews avenue will see traffic travelling Eastbound pushed into the temporary running lane and traffic moving Westbound will also be pushed over into the centre of the road to create space for construction zone 2C slightly further ahead.

The WB 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 and then the construction phase 2C. 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 Ipswich road north all the way to Harwich road roundabout will be reopened to foot traffic and cyclists alike. This area has been resurfaced to base level and still requires the final wearing course to be laid at the end of the scheme. There are some slightly raised ironworks along these footpaths but they have been ramped and adequate signage will be in place warning users of these hazards.

There are signs and maps around the 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 Request 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.
BT Manhole 7 and Utility Diversions
Construction Zone 1C Resurfacing.
Temporary White lining on Ipswich road north and onto the Ipswich road roundabout area.
Construction zone 1B Resurfacing
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Construction zone 1A – St Andrews Ave/Harwich Rd north. Excavations begin.
Construction zone 1A.
Construction zone 1A.
Construction zone 1A. NE 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.
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 Footpath and carriageway has now been completed and we will look to reopen this section to pedestrians/vehicles this week.

The construction of the BT manhole 7 on the corner of Ipswich road south and St Andrews avenue on the Homebase side is almost finished. Monday will see the whole area tidied to make way for Eurovia to move into this section for Construction zone 2C.

We have continued with the reconstruction in construction zone 1C outside of Waitrose. We have now resurfaced the carriageway and footpath to base course level which will allow us to open this area up to traffic and pedestrians this week.
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 Kerblines. 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. Works in this area is ongoing.
We will be continuing with Construction zone 1A. The works here are well underway and we have been carrying out trial holes in this area. We will continue to remove all existing footpaths/kerbs and road surface to enable us to begin creating the new layout.

The reconstruction phase 1B on St Andrews avenue is now complete. We will reopening this area to all traffic and pedestrians/Cyclists to enable us to create the space needed for construction zone 2C.

Construction of BT Manhole 7 will be completed this week. The works in this area have taken longer than expected and we will be moving into Construction phase 2C as soon as BT have left site. This will see the area still closed off for around 4-6 weeks whilst we begin construction here.

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We have partially carried out some drainage installation across Ipswich road roundabout whilst we’ve had phase 1C in place. This week will see traffic moved over into the temporary running lanes whilst we expand the roundabout with water barrier which will enable us to finish trenching to lay drainage pipe and make connections to existing utilities already in place.